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HELD DURING THE WEEK OF
JUNE 18 TO 25, 1950

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Pageant Program

"A Salute to Progress"

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 8:15 P. M.

JUNE 20 AND 21, 1950—LEECHBURG MEMORIAL FIELD

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Episode 2—Indian Dance by a group of Grade School children.

Episode 3—Solo "Pale Moon" by Mrs. R. B. Deitrich.

Episode 4—Arrival of a Group of Indians who camp here. They are visited by two traders, gifts are exchanged, followed by a Dance by the Indian Braves. Miss Ellen Stubble, Miss Domenica Tira, Miss Marilyn Ward.

Episode 5—Armies of General Braddock and Colonel Washington battle against the Armies of General Contrecouer and his French Canadian Soldiers and Renegade Indians.

Episode 6—First Canal Boat passes through Leechburg on its way from Blairsville to Pittsburgh.

Episode 7—Square Dance of the 'Olden Times.'

Episode 8—Early school days of 1829.

Episode 9—The First Church Service back in 1842.

Episode 10—A Minuet Dance of the Early Days.

Episode 11—Leechburg's first post office.

Episode 12—Presentation of Boy Scout and Girl Scout Activities.

Episode 13—The Slovak Gymnastic team in one of their exhibits.

Episode 14—A tribute to our War Dead.

Episode 15—Leechburg High School Band, Majorettes and its Championship Football Team.

Episode 16—The Grand Pageant Finale as our entire cast of over 600 persons pass before you in review, followed by the Tableaux.

AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO REMAIN SEATED UNTIL ASKED BY THE NARRATOR TO RISE AND JOIN IN THE SINGING OF "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

Tickets on sale at the following places and prices—

Reserved Seats—$1.50 includes all taxes—Nardys Newstand, Leechburg

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In Leechburg—Various stores throughout the town

In Vandergrift—Penn Gift Shop

In Apollo—Wybles Pharmacy

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Program--Leechburg's 100th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 17th to Sunday, June 25th, 1950

Sunday, June 18—Morning—Homecoming services in all churches
1:00 P.M.—Mass air flight over Kiski Valley
2:00 P.M.— Vandergrift Pioneers vs. Erie Sailors baseball game
7:00 P.M.— Dedication of Memorial Gate. Dedication in charge of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Lt. Dom Favero representing these two organizations with his military escort. Senator Martin, speaker.
8:00 P.M.—Patriotic service at Memorial Field
Senator Martin will be the speaker. Introduction by Judge Graff. This program to be broadcast over WAVL starting at 7 P. M.

Monday, June 19—1:00 P.M.— Children's athletic events at Memorial Field
3:00 P.M.— Huge farmers parade (livestock, farm machinery, thoroughbred animals) etc. Parade route—Third Street to Market to First Lutheran Church to Main Street.
6:00 P.M.—Championship Mushball game at Shovel Works Grounds
8:00 P.M.—Band Concert and Sokol Gymnastic team at Memorial Field
8:30 P.M.—Until closing—Mardi Gras at foot of Second Street

Tuesday, June 20—3:00 P.M.—Children's athletic events at Memorial Field
6:00 P.M.—Pioneer banquet at First Presbyterian Church
8:15 P.M.—Pageant and coronation of Queen at Memorial Field
8:30 P.M.—Until closing—Mardi Gras at foot of Second Street

Wed'day, June 21—2:00 P.M.—Gigantic float parade routed over the main streets
8:15 P.M.—Pageant and coronation of Queen at Memorial Field
9:00 P.M.—Authentic public wedding of one of our young couples will take place in midst of the pageant
8:30 P.M.—Until closing—Mardi Gras at foot of Second Street

Thursday, June 22—3:00 P.M.—Children's athletic events at Memorial Field
6:30 P.M.—General parade composed of units from tri-state area
8:30 P.M.—Until closing—Mardi Gras at foot of Second Street

Friday, June 23—1:00 P.M.—Boys All-Star Baseball game at Shovel Works Grounds
9:00 P.M.—Until 2:00 P.M.—Centennial ball at Marconi Hall
10:00 P.M.—Fireworks display
8:30 P.M.— Until closing—Mardi Gras at foot of Second Street

Saturday, June 24—1:30 P.M.—Children's costume parade—Market street
2:00 P.M.—To 11:30 P.M.—Mardi Gras—Saturday afternoon and evening

Sunday, June 25—Morning—Final homecoming services in all of the churches
7:30 P.M.—Kiski Valley Chorus Concert and Bands at Memorial Field. Addresses by clergymen of all faiths. This program to be broadcast over station WAVL.

Exhibits—West Penn Power Office, 164 Market Street
Veterans of Foreign Wars Rooms, Market Street

Antiques Display—Leechburg Furniture Store, Market Street—Monday through Saturday 1:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.

Truckers Mobile Unit on display on Market Street in Corinthian Club yard

Centennial Headquarters—West Penn Power office—Market Street

Rest Rooms—Hebron Lutheran Church—Corner Second Street and Main Street

First Aid Rooms—Corinthian Club—Market St.

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foreword . . .

Here begins Century of Progress, a history of times, places, persons, events and things.

It is the story of the march of generations, from the pioneers into a new half century. It is the struggle of men and of ideas against economic upheavals—of the rise above adversity through Faith in God and your fellow men.

Effort has been made to set it forth in novelized form which you might title, "My Town."

No attempt has been made to record for posterity all that has happened in and to Leechburg, Penna. in 100 years. To do so would take several volumes.

The hope is you find it good reading—interspersed with laughter and tragedy—a little of the drama of life to which society is subjected.

And that it will be as handy a reference book as your cook book. If in it there be told that which might have been omitted, or omitted that which might have been written, we lay it to error of judgment.

In our endeavor to cover the past and a portion of the present, the writers have been forced to use brevity in many instances, that we might include a more complete outline of the entire area.

Technical planning for this book was made by the Carlson Advertising Agency in Pittsburgh.

Much of the material out of which the "Leechburg Story" has been written, was gathered by a large Historical Research Committee, without whose valuable work and assistance this book would not have been possible.

In addition, the rewrite committee, below named, conducted personal interviews, made reference to the Smith and Beers early histories of Armstrong County; the Samuel T. Wiley Biographical Edition of 1891; the files of Leechburg Advance, the official records of Leechburg Borough and of Armstrong County.

So, as Leechburg moves forward into a new century, with the widening of the Great Bend in First St., we give you the historical blueprint on which to build.

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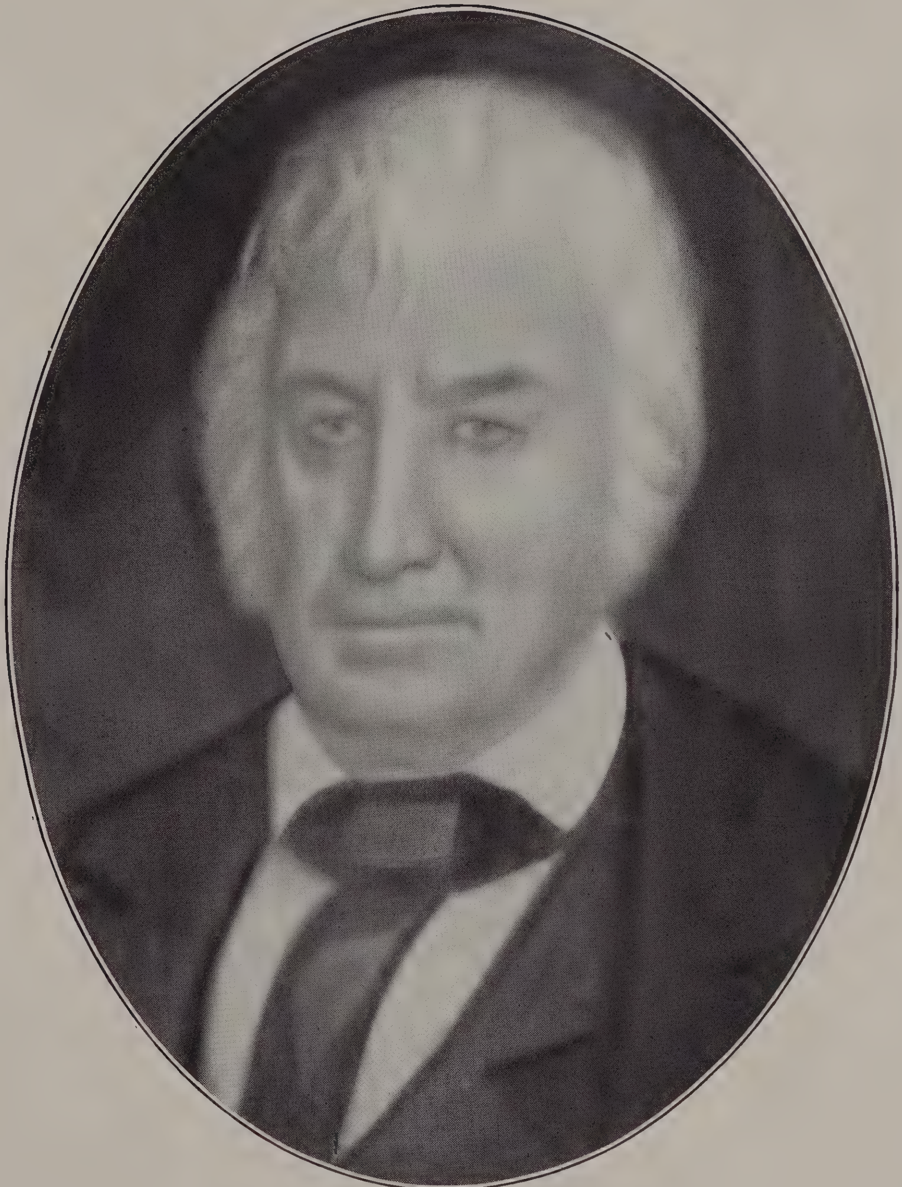
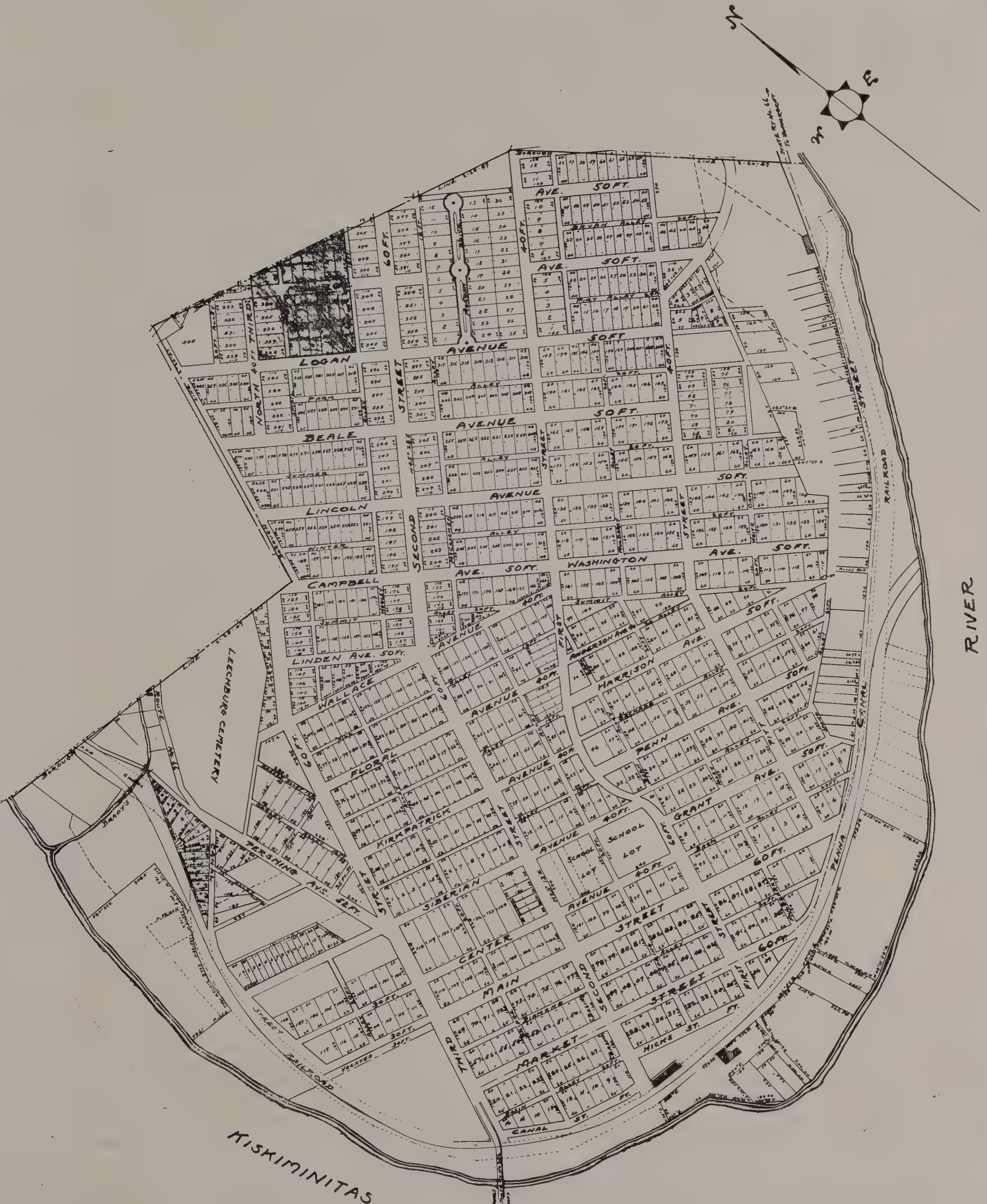


DAVID LEECH

The Founder of Leechburg, Pa.

QUEEN DOLORES posing for mal portrait in gown she wore ronation. The pretty little Miss is an employe of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. here and garnered the most votes in a contest to determine the Centennial Queen. She is daught Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bothell, avenue. Photo: Conno Vandergrift.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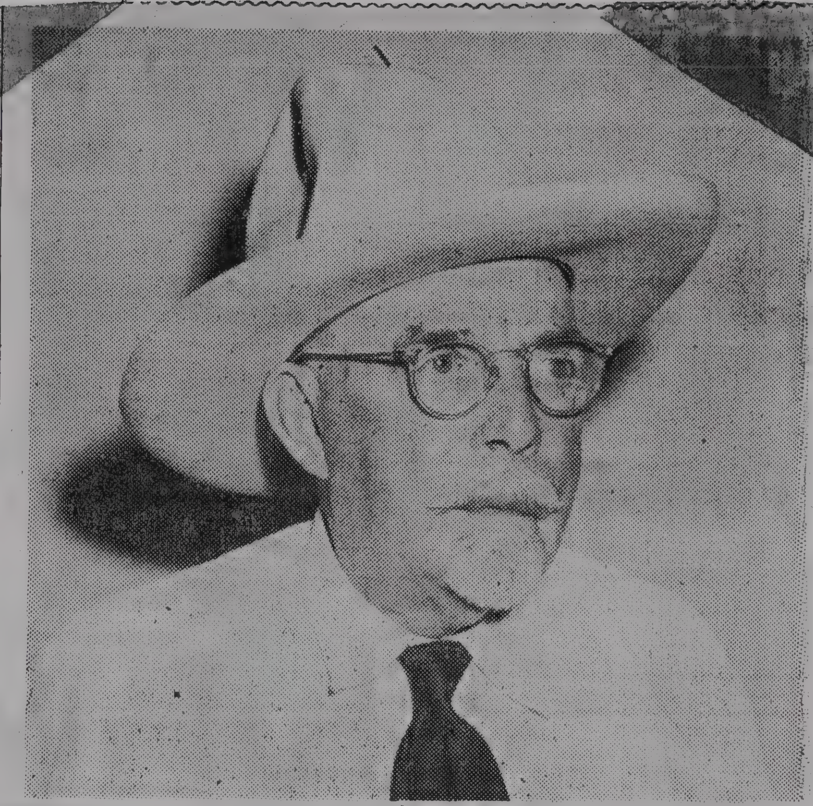
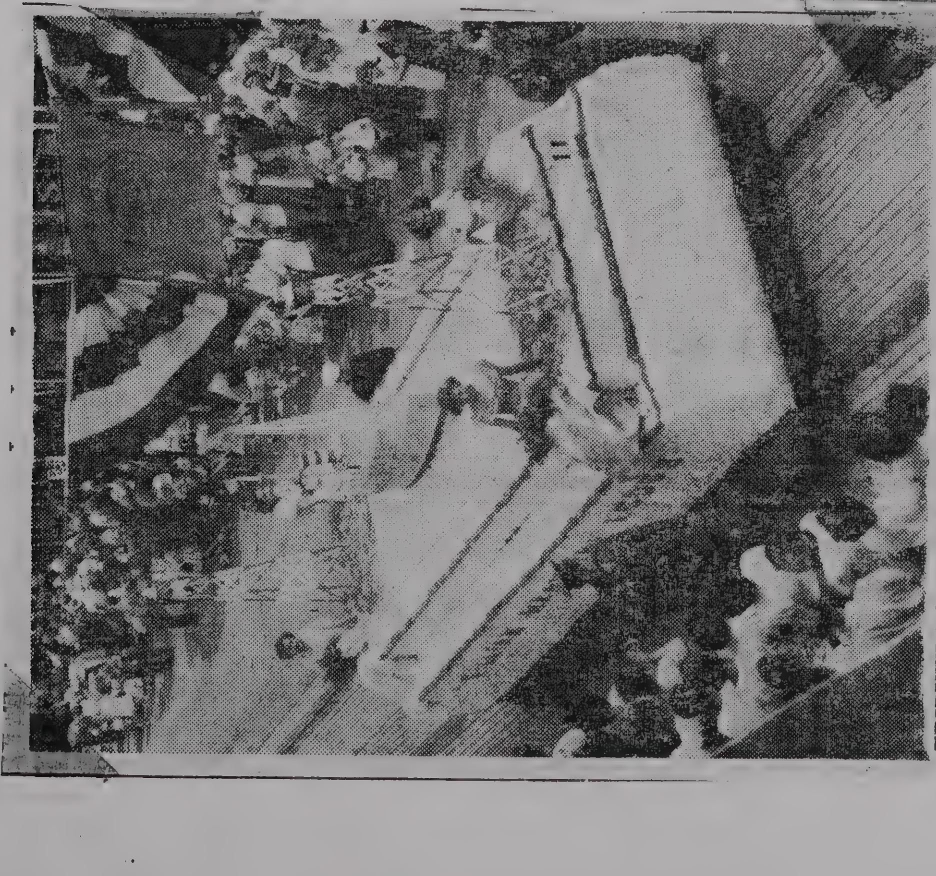


off for the annual Pennsylvania **BURGESS STANIER** attired in the favorite garb for Centennial week, 10 gallon hat and whiskers. Joe's had the lead spot in all parades. This weekend he takes Borough's Association Convention in Philadelphia where his record of 25 years as burgess is unparalleled. He's been active in municipal affairs here for 45 years. Photo: Knoff-Rimel.



TRIBUTE TO MARCONI—The Leechburg Marconi Lodge float was awarded second prize in fraternal organization competition in yesterday's parade in Leechburg. Float shows ship crossing ocean with radio equipment on either side, was tribute to the inventor of radio for whom the lodge is named. (News)

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In The Beginning . . .

Leechburg is deeply rooted in America's rich, historical soil. It had its beginning with the landing of the Pilgrims from the good ship, "Mayflower," on Plymouth Rock in 1620. For some of Leechburg's ancestors—Indians—met that boat.

In 1682 William Penn walked off a ship called "Welcome," took over what's now Pennsylvania for England and divided this Commonwealth into three counties—Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester. The forest out of which Leechburg was hewn, lay in Chester County.

Subsequently, Chester was split in seven parts. The seventh became Armstrong County, named for Gen. John Armstrong, hero of the Indian battle at Kittanning in 1756. The County was founded March 12, 1800—so is 150 years old this year.

Leechburg lies in the southern tip of Armstrong County, 15 airline miles from Pittsburgh, where the rippling Kiskiminetas River takes a sweeping left hook out of the Allegheny Mountains.

In 1770 Armstrong County was in six townships. Leechburg was part of Allegheny Township. In 1783 John Vanderen owned part of Leechburg. Ten years later, White Mattock, an Indian Chief, bought another part—192 acres—from James Walker. Walker had surveyed it.

From 1783 until 1821, Kiski Valley population was spotty. A mile east of here was "Oldtown": two miles west "Jacksonville." In 1822, with eight families, Leechburg was named "White Plains." The forest had been conquered; fields were white with grain.

In 1826, when the survey began for the Pennsylvania Canal, it was "Friendship." Therein lies the key to Leechburg's character—for it has always been a friendly town, a community of hospitable people with intense civic pride and an abundance of good fellowship.

In 1827 the Canal was coming along. It was the first big-time transportation in this Indian land. In that year, too, came David Leech, young, ambitious engineer—a Mercer County native.

He, not Addison Leech, founded Leechburg. Addison was David's son.

Now David had a contract to build a canal-lock and the Big Dam across the Kiski. This brought more people. Actually, opening the canal gave Leechburg its first growing pains.

Canal laborers got 50 cents a day, plus board. Eggs were six cents a dozen; a whole, fat chicken was six cents.

In his first year here, Leech bought 172 acres from Matthew Shields. It was the original Mattock tract. Shields had been the fifth owner.

On his own land, Leech built the canal lock. He added another 165 acres, bought from Joseph Hunter, a drover. The two land parcels he called "Leechburg" cost him $1500.

He got from Canal Commissioners the water rights of the dam. With it he ran a sawmill, gristmill and woolen factory. He set up a boat yard where Canal joins Second Street. There he built freight and passenger boats.

He organized a Leechburg company to carry packet passengers. He became agent for Pittsburgh boat companies. First boats from Blairsville to Pittsburgh went through Leechburg in 1828. There were boat races. Big freight was in salt. It seemed like the whole movement of civilization westward, was going through Leech's back yard.

There was need for merchandise, hardware and tools for boatman—so Leech opened a store, passing it on to his sons—as have so many Leechburg merchants in the past century.

In 1853, Mr. Leech organized Leech, Chamberlain & Co. By 1856 they had constructed the Allegheny Valley Railroad (now part of Pennsylvania system) from Pittsburgh to Kittanning. Years later, Dom Pedro II, Emperor of Brazil, rode the rails Leech helped put down. The Emperor went to Titusville to see how we were getting oil.

David Leech put much of his wealth into his town.

He built four homes.

From his funds he built the first school, a small frame building, equipped it with benches and tables. He hired and paid $20 monthly to the first school teacher — John Faulk. Faulk procured teaching materials; Leech the coal and wood for winter fuel.

This was in 1829. The school ran until 1843.

One of his sons was David F. Leech. On Sept. 25, 1849 he married Rebecca J. McElhenny. David Leech gave her one of his houses as a wedding present. The son died six months later.

The house remains. It is one of the oldest homes in Leechburg — at First and Main Sts. Mrs. D. T.

Malarkey (formerly Christine Smail) has lived in this house all her life.

The home was always a double house, remodeled several times. Mrs. Malarkey remembers the ground around it was much below the level today—once 16 steps from the back porch to the ground; three steps off the front porch to street level.

In 1857 David Leech became ill. He gave the sawmill and gristmill to his son, Addison. Years later R. D. Ellwood bought them.

On Nov. 3, 1858 the founder of Leechburg passed on. His town lives on.

Building Canal

The Pennsylvania Canal, which David Leech and the first Scotch Irish immigrants to America helped to build, was one of the first marvelous pieces of public works in United States.

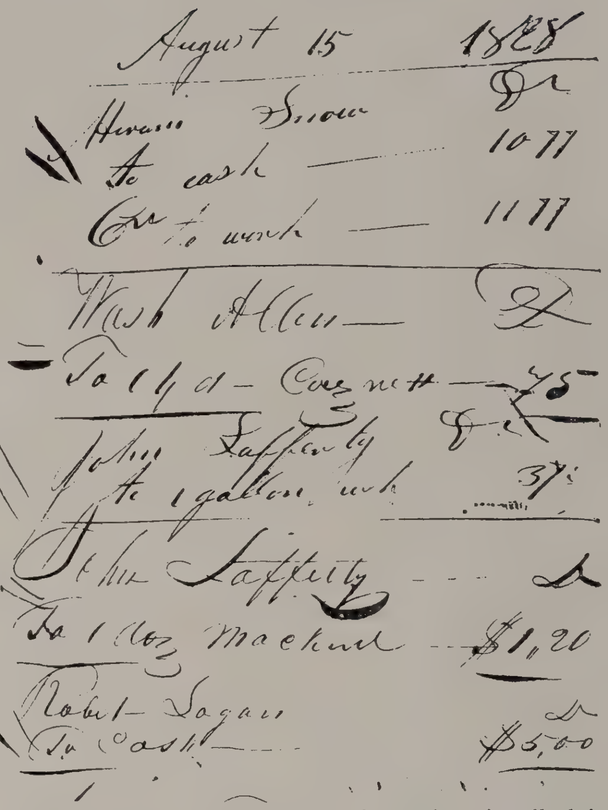
It cost somewhere between 10 million and 20 million dollars. It was used 23 years—from 1834 to 1857. It began in Philadelphia. Near Hollidaysburg, passengers and freight had to be broken down and transported over the Allegheny Mountains by an incline railroad called The Portage.

Boats were lifted out of the water and carried on this railroad over the mountain. Some boats had to be torn down, then reassembled on the other side at Johnstown. The huge canal was 64 miles long from Johnstown to Freeport. It crossed intersecting streams on aqueducts, especially across the Allegheny River at Freeport, where stone piers were built to support the wooden aqueduct.

The canal was four feet deep, 40 feet wide at the top; 28 at the bottom and the Big Dam David Leech built at Leechburg created a seven-mile stretch of slackwater between Leechburg and Apollo.

After the coming of the railroads, a section of the canal roadbed was cindered and made into a road, thus forming a convenient driveway from Apollo to Freeport across the Allegheny River at Garver's Ferry.

Leech's Charge Sheet



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To Cash — — — $5,00

The above cut is a reproduction of notations inscribed in a "ledger" used at Leech's store in 1828 by David's brother, William, the storekeeper. Note the entry of "Whiskey" at 37½c per gallon. The above is from the Leechburg Advance archives.

Making the canal navigable between Johnstown and Kiski Junction where the Kiski empties into the Allegheny, required 42 locks.

The canal followed the north side of the Conemaugh from Johnstown to Lockport, then on the south side to the tunnel west of Livermore, where it again crossed to the north side through an aqueduct. Stone for the locks and bridge piers came from quarries near the river with most of the timber cut close by.

The canal stimulated the growth of Leechburg and upper Kiski Valley to Blairsville. Blairsville was a distribution point. Conestoga wagons rolled into that town, unloaded their goods and from there commerce moved down the Kiski Valley through Leechburg and into the Gateway to the West—Pittsburgh.

How We Look From The Air

Aerial View of Leechburg taken in 1948.

Legislative Recognition

In 1849—nine years before Leech's death—folks were borough conscious. They felt the village was ready for official status. A borough movement started.

A petition went to the State Assembly. An act making Leechburg a borough was handed down March 22, 1850.

David Leech was first Burgess. Alexander Gordon first Justice of the Peace—getting a total of 35 votes. First councilmen were Addison Leech, J. Thomas Johnston, Jonathan Hettrick, William R. Garver and Jacob Ulam.

In 1850 the population was 359; in 1950, 5067; the assessed valuation in 1950—$2,885,700 on both real estate and occupations. At the half-century mark in 1900, population was 2459.

The first tax list came in 1832 with total valuation $4,562—about one one-hundredth that of 1950. On that first list were 11 taxpayers. There were squawks then, too on "unequal" assessments—for instance, Joshua Cooper was assessed $58 for two lots and one head of cattle, while Peter Weaver was "socked" $33 for one head of cattle!

On March 23, 1850—day after incorporation—twins John and Catherine McCracken were born in Leechburg, their parents James and Anna Mears McCracken. John became a Presbyterian minister and botanist; his sister the mother of Dr. Howard M. Welsh, physician, who died in 1948 after 46 years practice in Leechburg.

From the days of canal boats on the Kiski to airplanes faster than sound, Leechburg has shown the world notable "firsts:"

The first tin mill in America was in Leechburg.

The first use in the world of natural gas to make iron and steel was in Leechburg.

The first time mill laborers in America got more than a dollar a day was in Leechburg. Here the rate went to $1.50 in 1872.

The first great emigration of iron workers from England and Wales to make iron in America, was into Leechburg.

Leechburg men have gone throughout United States to build steel mills—because of the new iron making processes perfected in Leechburg.

Leechburg pioneered the manufacture of salt.

Millions of tons of coal from the good earth of Leechburg and the Kiski Valley have warmed, transported and given jobs to folks in great areas of the world.

When David Leech built his flour mills, he sent Queen Victoria of England, 10 barrels of his best flour. She liked it. The London Exposition gave him a gold medal.

One of Leechburg's citizens in 1832 was Matthew Taylor, a tailor. He left England because he "didn't want to be ruled by a woman"—Queen Victoria. Once in Leechburg, Matthew hit his head on the corner of a mantel. He sawed the corner off.

Later one of his sons, John Taylor, purchased the old tannery first built by David Kuhns in 1828 in Main St. and Spring Alley. Taylor ran that tannery 60 years.

There's this to be said of "inherited" firsts—David Leech's father was Thomas Leech. Thomas was a clerk in the First Assembly of Pennsylvania. His father, Tobias (David's grandfather) was a member of that First Assembly in 1713. In 1756, Thomas Leech was treasurer of Pennsylvania—and was one of three who purchased the Liberty Bell, hanging in Philadelphia, the bell of freedom for all mankind.

Pioneering and Pioneers

First house of record in Leechburg was a log cabin, near where Grace Lutheran Church is in Siberian Ave. today. A big spring was near it. That was the town water supply.

Later water came from a town pump at Second and Main Sts., on the Village Green, Leechburg's first playground.

Old timers remember depression days in the 1880's when business men played croquet in Market St., leaving one man to take care of all stores.

Solomon Moore built the first brick house in 1830 at Third St. and Basin Alley.

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With us there is ever present a sincere interest in Leechburg, its people, its problems, and its progress, for we realize that whatever success we have enjoyed in the past, is largely due to the support and encouragement given us by our friends, the people of Leechburg.

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At the Council Table

Leechburg Borough Council and Officers, from left to right—James G. Callas, Solicitor; Samuel Catalino, Councilman; William L. Cribbs, Councilman; Claude E. Hill, Councilman; Joseph M. Stanier, Burgess; N. Ward Stitt, President of Council; F. Earl Bash, Treasurer—First National Bank; Parker D. Baker, Councilman; Ralph J. Meess, Councilman; Harold B. Singleton, Councilman; Ida H. Carpenter, Secretary.

Alexander Gordon surveyed the first plan of lots and, as Justice of the Peace, was considered the town's legal adviser. Later, Dr. John T. Crawford, one of Leechburg's first physicians, saw a need for expert legal as well as medical advice. So he went to Kittanning, read law, was admitted to the bar and became the town's first lawyer.

The first Postoffice was established Nov. 18, 1829. David Leech was the official in charge. Mail was carried by post riders on horseback, averaging once a week delivery.

After incorporation, Leech couldn't be both Burgess and have charge of the mail. So Jacob Shuster was appointed. When Abraham Lincoln became President, he appointed Israel Putnam Kerr the postmaster. He served 30 years. The Postoffice then adjoined the Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

Wilson Daugherty was the first Democrat to become Burgess. In his term the first jail was built. It was paid for before he went out of office.

Wilson S. Harris came here from Pittsburgh in 1854. He was the first house painter.

George A. Hunger was the first man to successfully produce burnt brick by using natural gas. He manufactured the brick for the first tunnel on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Salina. And later brick for open hearths in steel mills.

J. A. Woodward for many years was manager of Woodward House in Third St. (near Ford Garage today.) This later became the "Temperance" Hotel.

William Montgomery was a pioneer druggist. Besides handing out pills he managed Leechburg's early telephone and telegraph business.

Thomas M. Irwin opened the first livery stable in 1873 and later ran the Irwin Hotel.

The first physician was Dr. George W. Marchand.

Stull-Hill-Coulter Co. once had a hitching rack in front of their store, large enough to tie up six teams at one time. Hitching was free—there being no parking meters in those days. This company put in the first paving on Second St., as an inducement to others to help get the town out of the mud.

Later, in 1898, the town was harassed by bicycle riders, who were taking over the paved streets.

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In 1900 there were 14 trains daily to Pittsburgh; many commuting to jobs there daily. Now there's one train each way daily.

In 1891 a registry shows there was one bank, gas lights, a sheet iron mill, a foundry and machine shop eight churches, two hotels, two flour mills and two newspapers in Leechburg.

One of the early merchants was Henry McKallip, born in Allegheny Twp. in 1809.

He ran a general store in Canal St. until 1870. His son, James A., took it over then.

By 1876, the Centennial year of American Independence, there were 1288 persons in Leechburg.

James J. Artman was the first carpenter. William Robert Duff planted the first apple orchard and, in time, came to hold every public office in town. He was Justice of the Peace 31 years.

Thomas Jefferson Ellwood, one of the town's first bookkeepers, later became Treasurer of Armstrong County.

John S. Bole came here about the time of David Leech's death. He was a stone cutter. He bought 210 acres of land for $700 and put up a sawmill. Later he bought another 500 acres at a dollar an acre and erected a gristmill.

Daniel Bowers was one of the first furniture dealers in town and probably the first undertaker. He first was a bookkeeper for a Brady's Bend iron works but quit to become assistant doorkeeper in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. Then he came to Leechburg.

For years there was an old black building, opposite Hebron Lutheran Church in Main St. This was Bowers' "Coffin House."

Albert M. Gosser, early merchant, came to Leechburg as a marble cutter. The dust got too much for him. He bought a boat, called it the "Spartan" and, as the boat's captain, sailed up the Allegheny River.

At Pithole City (then near Titusville, and center of the oil excitement) he sold 70 cargoes of coal and potatoes at $1 and $1.25 a bushel

He led the fight to remove the toll on the old wooden bridge. He built a mansion-home on top of the high hill overlooking Leechburg from the Westmoreland County side of the Kiski. And the hill was named "Gosser Hill" for him.

Then there was John Schall. Though blind, he made and sold brooms fashioned from hickory sticks. He was a pioneer in this—long before it became one of the chief occupations in the Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind in Pittsburgh.

And Frank Bash. He was an early broom manufacturer, too. At 85 today he is still making brooms.

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Listen to John E. Knepschield, 92, of 22 Market St., Mrs. Nancy Jane Anderson Sproull, nearing 98 (oldest person in town) and Harry Bruce, 72, of 286 Pershing Ave., speak.

"I remember the three-mile walks from the farm (in Gilpin Twp.) into town, bringing the chickens and eggs to market," Mrs. Sproull of Second St. recalls, adding:

"It was mud, plenty of it then. I remember the candle lights, the oil lamps, the coming of gas lights and now all the new electric ones."

She was born in a log house May 1, 1852. She put many a stitch by the light of oil lamps in the trousers of Leechburgers, for she was a seamstress for her brother, J. E. Anderson, who had a tailor shop at Second and Market Sts.

She recalls Henry McKallip's grocery; nights she spent in her Uncle Josh's home, where the old Pennsylvania Railroad Station, now the American Legion Home, is today.

On the day in 1889 of her wedding to the late J. C. Sproull, a carpenter, a brother-in-law, Robert Sproull, came riding up on a horse. The horse threw him, but Mrs. Sproull recalls today how he landed in a snowbank and didn't get a scratch.

In her day you baked your own bread in outside ovens; cooked with coal and wood; made your own clothing; ground the coffee by hand on a little wooden box.

In her days she waded through snow drifts to school and developed a liking for pork.

Her mother, Mrs. John Anderson, was a charter member of First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Sproull is the oldest member now. She sang in the choir there when, as she puts it:

"I was younger."

Mr. Bruce has a sample of the first tin rolled by Charles Banfield, brought here from England, in the old American Sheet and Tin Plate Co. mill.

He remembers the old wooden, toll bridge—a penny to walk over it. As a boy, pennies were scarce. So he'd slide down a railing underneath, wade the Kiski River into town; or wait until the toll-keeper's back was turned and beat it past him.

Mr. Bruce was born Oct. 27, 1878 on Gosser Hill. He could see Leechburg, but didn't move in until he married in 1902.

At 20 he was picking up the tin mill trade in a Dennison (O) Rolling Mill at "room and board wages" of $45 a month.

He was a clerk when the old American Sheet mill started in Leechburg; got up to night boss at $85 a month; was superintendent of the whole works many years and went about the country, helping dismantle or build other mills.

If he saw in another mill a piece of machinery or gadget Leechburg didn't have, he'd bring it to Leechburg.

He has seen six factories move in and out of Leechburg; remembers when much of Leechburg was one big farm, cow pastures and wheat fields.

He remembers leaping from one big stone to another in the mud of Market St.; how the first paving was with cobblestones wheeled out of the Kiski.

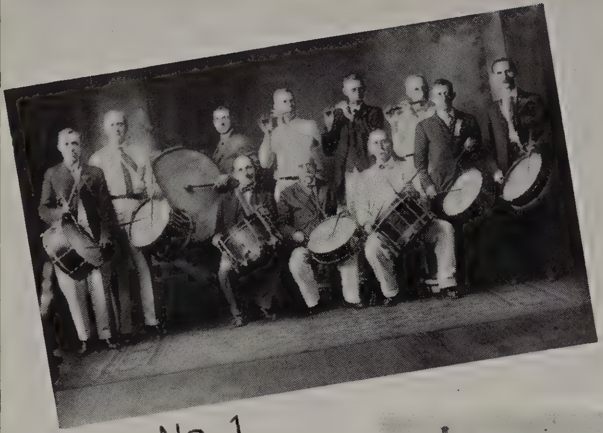
Mr. Bruce well remembers:

A house built on the wrong lot—settled by switching deeds; when old-timers wouldn't build sidewalks, because folks would wear them out; when you began riding a sleigh at Thanksgiving and continued all winter; farmers snowed in weeks at a time; ice up to 12 inches thick cut from the Kiski. It was stored in sawdust, there being no other refrigeration.

And days when thousands of fish could be counted in the Kiski.

Also the day at high noon he traded horses with George Grant in front of Park's (now Fiori's) drug store; horses and wagons hauling steel in and out of the mills and getting stuck in the mud; later seeing freight trains on a single track in the middle of Market St.

Likewise his first ride on the first trolley to Apollo; remembers when Vandergrift was called "Townsend



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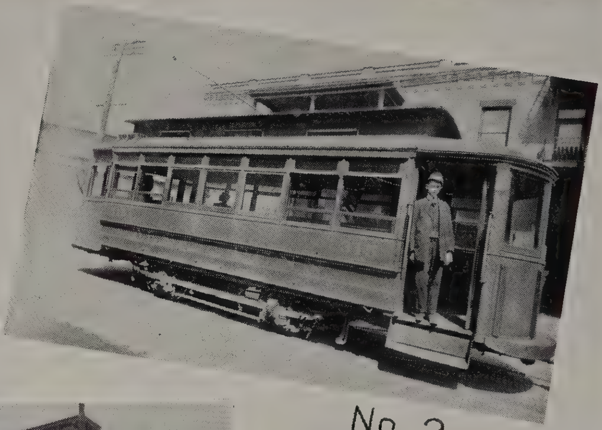

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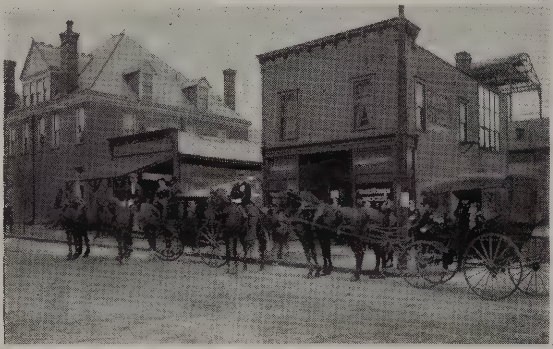

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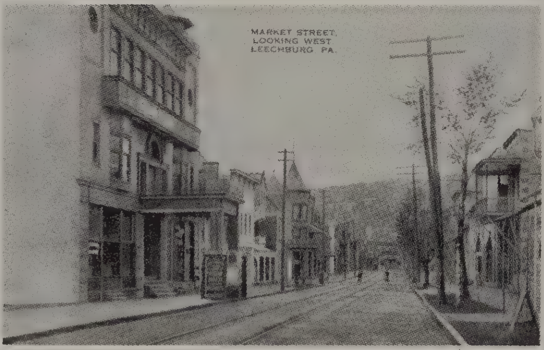

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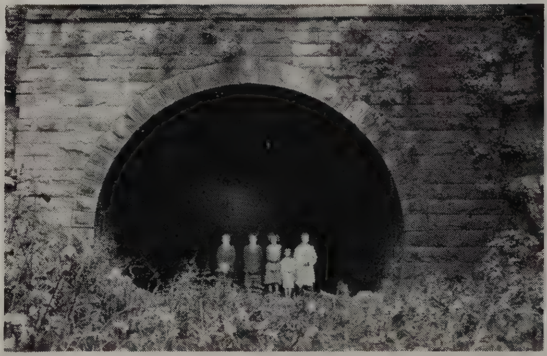

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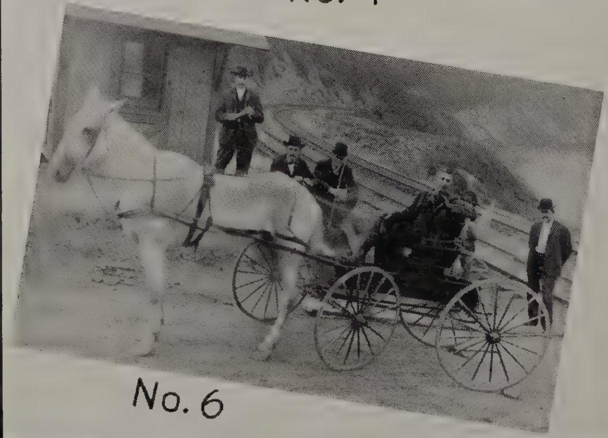

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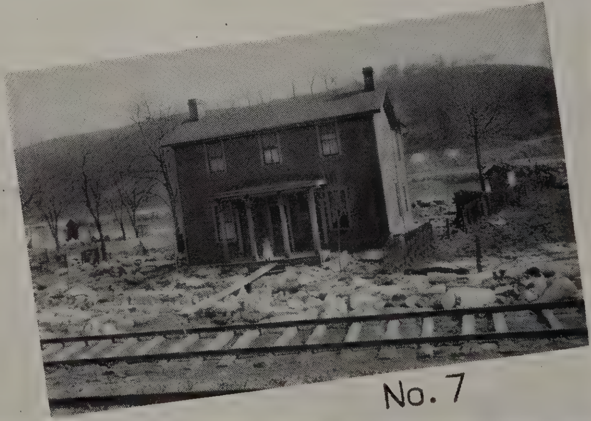

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(1) The Stitt Fife and Drum Corps of the early days; (2) A modern trolley of the early 1900's; (3) Wedding party of Julius Potrecz and Elizabeth Hegerdis, photographed April 2, 1904; (4) Market Street looking West, Leechburg; (5) The old Leechburg tunnel; (6) George Klingensmith in his buggy in the early 1900's, and some of his pals; (7) Home of Mrs. Rachel Murphy on Canal Street during flood of 1904. The little girl on the porch is now Mrs. Charles McKallip.

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Station"; and when it took two steam locomotives to pull a train up the hill on the railroad—Westmoreland side.

His memory goes back to the time Robert A. Cunningham had the first automobile in town; how the lamplighter would turn on the gas lights in the streets at night—but the property owner had to turn them off in the morning. If the property owner didn't, the light was moved. In his days, too, in going to school, Mr. Bruce always felt he carried as much lunch as he did to a picnic.

And the marketing days in Second St. with buckboard wagons full of meat and vegetables; when butter was 10 cents a pound; his first steady job carrying newspapers—it got him out of dropping corn by hand in the corn fields.

Too, Mr. Bruce says the torchlight political parades—bands, costumes and speeches, caused plenty of excitement and he feels the Pennsylvania is now hauling more freight through the Kiski Valley than she ever did.

Mr. Knepshield can look out his kitchen window now and see where the old lockhouse of Dave Leech's dam stood when he (Knepshield) came to Leechburg in 1866. His father had come from Germany in 1850, up the canal to Apollo (then Warren) and married a Knepshield, Susan, of near Apollo.

His father was a butcher and John followed the trade. John used to walk from Pittsburgh (where his father was then) and help carry, lead or pull a calf (they were as stubborn as mules) back to slaughter in Pittsburgh.

He remembers:

That William Rogers (the steel man) built the first Baptist church—at least gave the most money for it; how John Young, then the miller in the gristmill, went digging for oil and got instead so much gas they didn't know what to do with it.

When Joe Beale bought his first Leechburg land—260 acres; when Lloyd Morgan worked in the steel mill week days and preached on Sunday; when he (Knepshield) first proposed carrying meat with a little bit of ice around to homes in a wagon and his Dad told him it wouldn't work.

He has a picture of his first team of horses and wagon after opening his first butcher shop at 24, where the Postoffice is now and cherishes an old shaving mug, his name engraved on it in gold.

Mr. Knepshield quit the meat business when 80 years old and went to California three months. He and his wife had made the same trip 10 years before.

He remembers buying cattle at three cents a pound;

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how plate boil, a good piece with meat on it, retailed for six cents and that 4 a.m. opening of the butcher shop was accepted practice. He always had a wiener or two for the children; a bone for their dog and can remember when he tried giving liver away and had few takers.

Folks wouldn't use wrapping paper then—it was made of straw and you could see the straw in it.

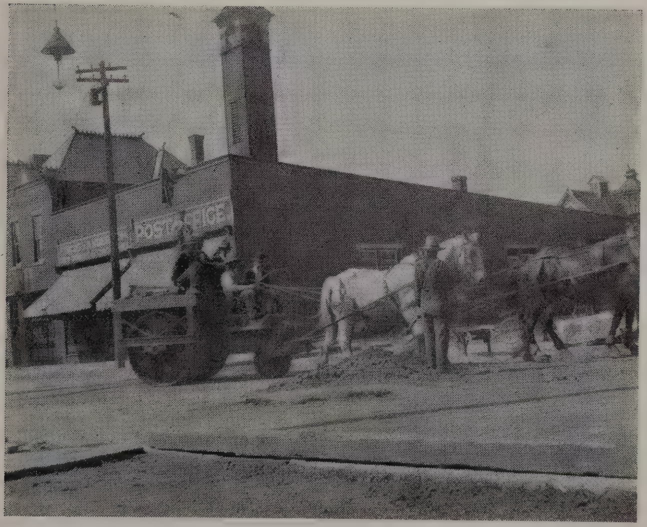
He recalls, too the music every Saturday afternoon by the Leechburg Cornet Band; when the old water works had too much water pressure; how Lee Randol rigged up a telephone from his coal house to his home—then extended it to a few of his neighbors—the first party line.

Mr. Knepshield was the man who carried the petition, asking for the first street paving; remembers buying a good suit for $10; how Daniel Bowers, one of the first undertakers, was thought the best man in the valley, because he had gone to college.

In his day, Mr. Knepshield had to help make candles out of tallow from the butcher shop for light and that when Rogers & Burchfield were paying mill men $9 a week, folks were coming from everywhere and Leechburg had plenty of excitement.

He has lived to see hardly a house fly any more; but there were plenty in his time and remembers when most of the residential district of Leechburg today was rented pasture for sheep and cattle; when mill men were buying lots for homes at $5 a pay; how he had a house built for $600; when he stuffed all his own sausage and bologna and the old sleighing parties, stopping off at a farm house for an oyster fry.

Ol' Dobbin At Work



Paving Market Street in the early days and former location of Leechburg's Postoffice.

Horse Tax Paves Streets

In 1844 councilmen began opening more streets and to pave them. Then, and now, paving money was a problem.

But in September 1885 council levied a tax on owners of all teams and wagons, or horse-drawn cart (those hauling for pay) for street improvement. It was $1.25 a quarter; $2.50 a half and $5 a year.

In early days, councilmen had a tough time with sanitary conditions, because there was little "inside" plumbing. A few private sewers were put in. These emptied into streams nearby—for there once was a fairly good-sized stream flowing through Leechburg, from Main St. down Second St. across Market to the river.

Widening the curve on First Street, during a 1950 operation.

In 1885 Robert Bole and T. E. Klingensmith were hired to build a wooden culvert for this stream, closing it. The cost—$177.12. Part of this culvert is still under Second St.

First paving came in 1885 when Maj. J. G. Beale asked council for permission to put cobblestones down in front of his property in Market St.—the house still standing at First and Market St. Council said yes. The paving covered less than half a block.

That year the borough was troubled with animals running around—like dogs do today. So council ordered it unlawful for a horse, bull, mare, filly or gelding to run at large—any time.

The solons went further—and decreed that no cow, ox or calf could roam around between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. If they did, the animal would be impounded, the owner fined and if he didn't pay—his cow, calf or ox could be sold at public auction. It wasn't decided whether the cow, ox or calf could tell time.

Third St.—from Main to the river was paved in

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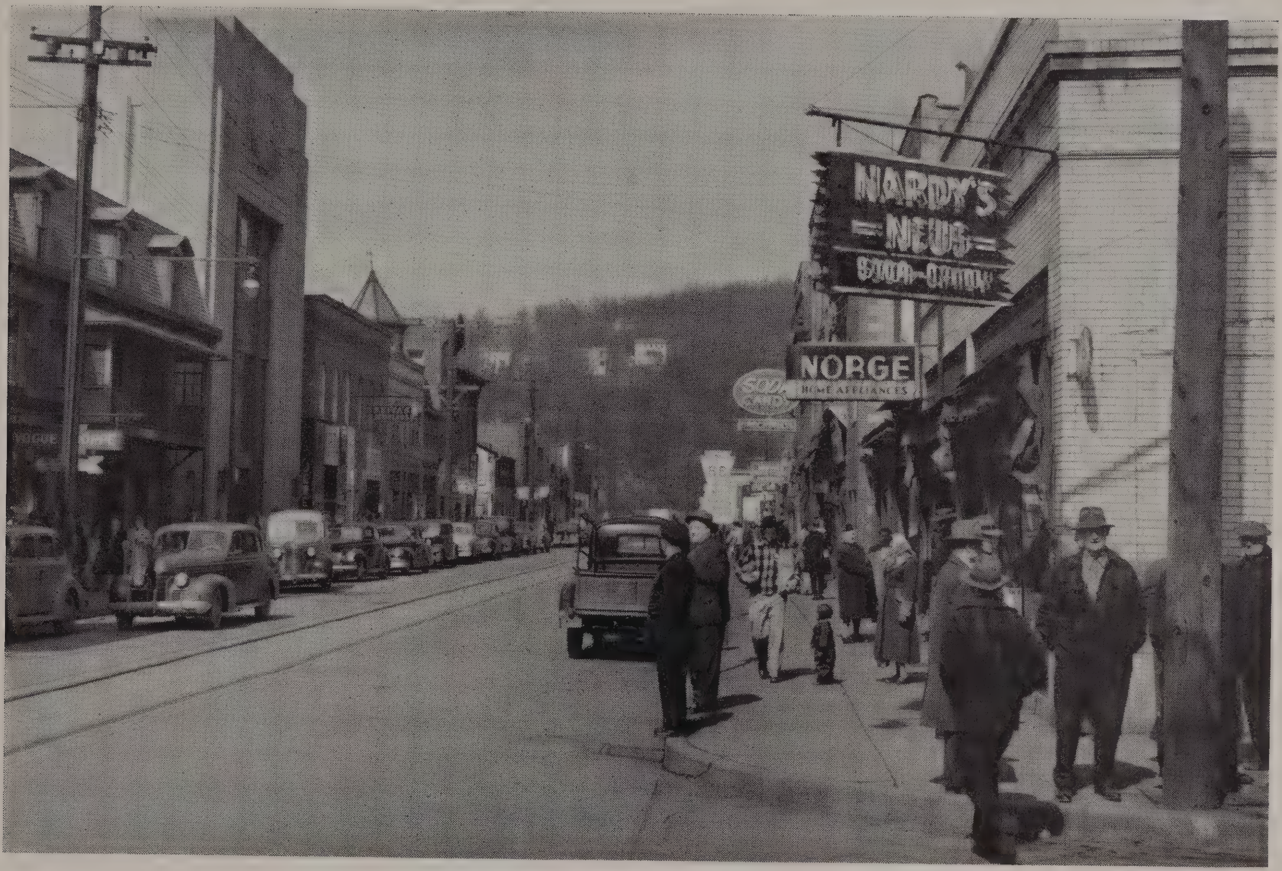

Market Street looking from Second Street towards Third Street in 1950.

1885. In 1887 council paid Addison Leech $1,000 for ground to open Second St. above Main St. from Back St. (now Center Ave.) to Siberian Ave.

Gas street lights came in 1887; the first being at Third St. and Cemetery Ave.; Canal St. at Cemetery Ave.; Main St. and Bridge Alley; Siberian Ave. and Second St.; Main and Canal Sts.; Market and Canal; First and Harrison; First and Market; Market and Spring Alley and Main and Spring Alley.

Council first ordered stone put down in Second St. —from Market to the railroad station on Nov. 1, 1887 while in Aug., 1888 it became necessary to establish a speed limit on Leechburg's streets—six miles an hour!

One half of Market St. was graded and paved from Second to Third Sts. for $1800 in September, 1889 while Third St. was graded and the first sewer laid in First St. in June, 1890.

By Act of Assembly the borough charter was changed April 2, 1888—a paper transaction. First official borough flag pole went up in 1888 for Fourth of July. Frank Wagner was the first garbage collector—hired by council in 1890.

First telegraph poles came in 1893 and a year later R. B. Hutchison put up first poles for electric lights, while Siberian Ave. was opened from Fourth St., now Pershing Ave. It was named Pershing Ave. in honor of General John J. Pershing. In 1896 and in 1897, the voters approved the first big bond issue for street improvements—$21,300.

This brought in sidewalks; additional paving of Market and Main Sts. in 1898. In 1901, the paving of Cemetery Ave. from Pitt St. and Pitt St. from Grant to Harrison, while sewers and paving went down on Penn Ave., Diamond Alley and Back St. In 1904 Basin Alley from Second to Third Sts. was paved.

The coming of the automobile brought the first traffic regulation signs in February 1918; in 1921 Leechburg Realty Co. deeded to the borough first ground for Memorial Field; other hill and downtown

Keeper of the Records

JOSEPH A. HILL, who died in 1947, was Borough Secretary for almost 48 years.

streets were paved in 1921 and 1922; in 1923 houses were numbered and street signs went up. The first public Christmas tree was ordered in 1924. Logan Ave. was paved in 1927.

With money bequeathed by Mrs. Sarah E. McKallip, council bought from Leechburg Realty Co. in 1926 more ground for Memorial Field. The gift has been recognized in a memorial plaque on the field.

By a $75,000 bond issue in 1928 Market St. was repaved and the new borough building constructed. Council met in the new building first time May 6, 1929. Daylight Savings Time was adopted in 1930.

In 1945, voters approved another $35,000 bond issue for the athletic field, around which a stainless steel fence had been built in 1938. Parking meters came March 4, 1946.

So that in this centennial year—1950—most streets have been paved and sewered; the athletic field lighted for night football and we've dial telephones.

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The Attempted Bank Robbery

It was a cold February evening of 1893. Deep snow lay on the ground. Folks were riding around in sleighs.

Behind Market St. buildings, three men stole quietly up to a rear window of the Leechburg Banking Co.—the building now occupied by Service Book Store.

They eased into the bank. This was the days before time locks on vaults. They knew Cashier Edward Hill usually came into the bank in the evenings. They were going to force him to open the safe.

An employe of Advance Printing Co. saw them enter. He rounded up Policeman N. K. Collier. William Shaffer, a borough councilman and not armed, went with Collier. A gun battle followed. Shaffer was killed. The men fled—without loot.

One was captured at the lower railroad bridge; a second at White Rock, the third tracked through snow to near Schenley.

They were put in the Leechburg jail. Feeling was tense. There was lynch talk. More men guarded the jail and the three were subsequently convicted and imprisoned.

M. Eugene Souders

ENGINEER and SURVEYOR

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I.O.O.F. Building LEECHBURG

Leechburg Police, left to right—Chief Ivan Mateer, Lester Rimel, William Tarr, William Purviance and Steve Shavensky.

Organizing Against Fire

A fire department—one of Leechburg's big assets—came into being after two disastrous fires.

On July 3, 1883 a block and a half of 10 frame buildings on Market St. went up in flames. Salt helped put that one out.

J. Frank Stoops, born in Leechburg Aug. 31, 1873, now living in Gilpin Twp., remembers that one slightly but he has a more vivid recollection of another, perhaps Leechburg's greatest fire on November 26, 1889.

He was standing in front of James Long's store where the Elks building is today. He heard the shout "fire." It began in the block where the borough building is. Bert Anderson's bake shop was on the first floor; office of Dr. George Sloan, dentist, on the second

It was 7 p.m., Miss Julia Parks remembers. Her mother was baking buckwheat cakes. Children were taken to homes on the hill. She among them. Rugs and blankets were soaked in water and laid on the flames. Salt again was used.

A bucket brigade was set up, back and forth from town pumps. The fire burned all night.

A snow fall helped check it—but not before fire destroyed 28 buildings, from the borough building to where the Penn-Lee Hotel stands on one side. Then across the street, taking everything from the Elks Bldg. to the Schwartz Grocery of today.

Records show damages from those two fires to have been $100,000. Prominent citizens got busy and talked about a volunteer department. It got going in 1891.

Organization was in Smail's hall. D. A. Kistler, M. Weiser, Dr. S. J. McMains, J. H. Parks, E. E. Cline and E. E. Hicks raised $180 and bought a hose truck.

First department officers were Dr. J. D. Orr, president; S. J. McMains, secretary; J. H. Parks, treasurer; Mr. Cline, chief and W. G. Roberts, John Martin and William Haney, trustees.

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Leechburg Volunteer Fire Department Members

Present department officers—Leo Moore, president; John Julius, president's aide; Joe Vereb, first vice president; John McCoy, second vice president; Walter Slonaker, secretary; Duncan C. McCallum, treasurer; Stan Wolfe, chief; Edgar Groves and Joe Catalino first and second assistant chiefs, respectively; Dale Hawk, Tom Groves and Dale Beck, trustees and Ed Bash, engineer.

On the roll now are 98 men—23 of them charter members.

That early department got right to work and bought the first hook and ladder truck at $475. Soon another

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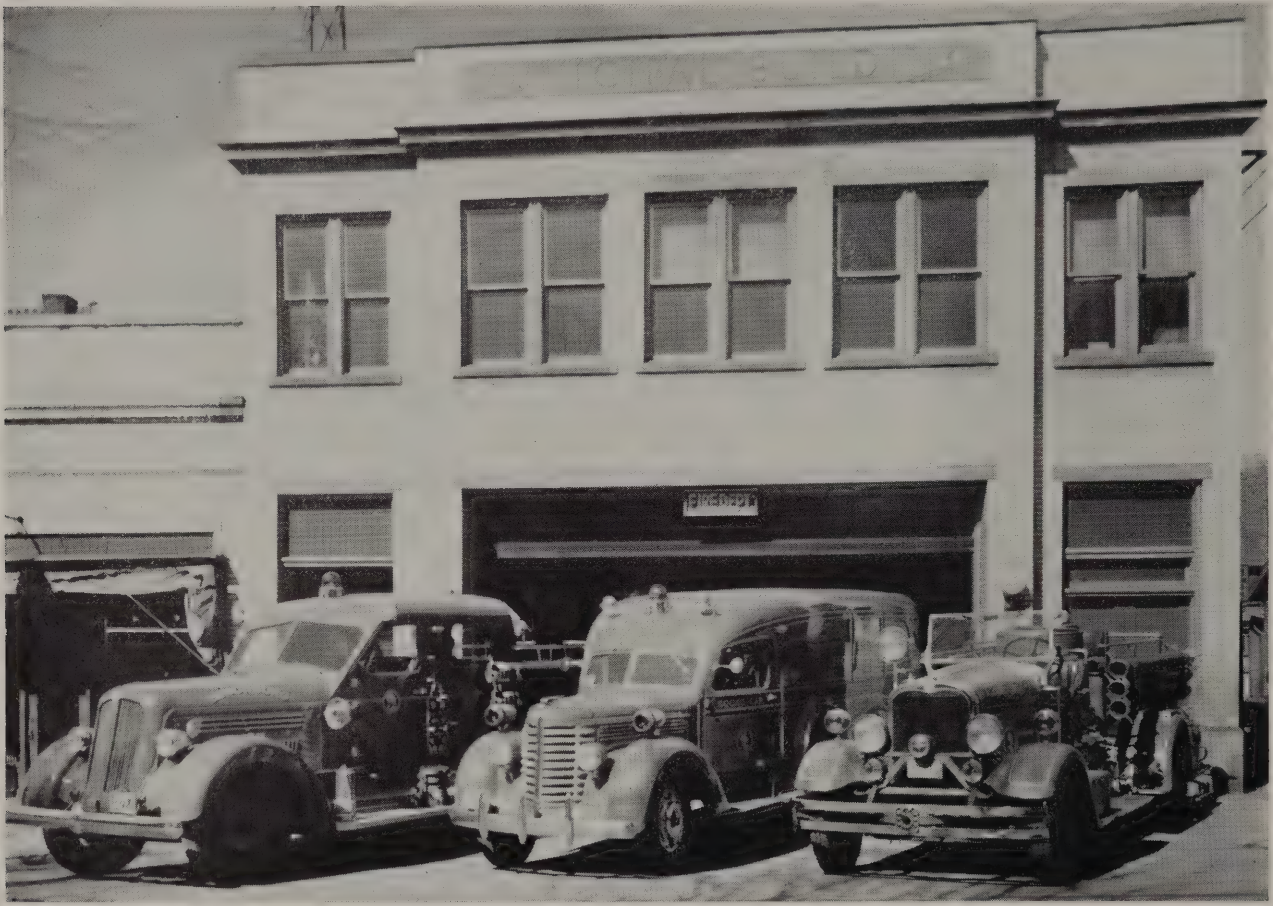

Leechburg Borough Building and Fire Equipment

was obtained at $350—one for each end of town with one company in control.

Needing a place to keep trucks, the borough built a fire hall. Trucks were kept on the first floor. On the second, furnished for $800, was a reading room, fine Brussels carpeting, leather upholstered furniture and a complete bathroom! This was in 1893.

Up to that time, the department answered 20 calls and members then were Dr. J. D. Orr, D. A. Kistler, S. N. Logan, Dr. McMains, W. B. Latimer, W. S. Reeves, A. W. Ashbaugh, N. S. Hicks, L. W. Hicks, J. W. Goodsell, E. T. Jack, O. H. Tebay, H. P. McKallip, F. J. Beale, Alf Heakins, J. H. Parks, J. B. Smail, Samuel Adams and J. B. Crookshanks.

Getting equipment around then was tough. The trucks had to be pulled by hand, up and down hill, over dirt streets—even when the mud was deep. J. M. Armstrong had a team of horses and when the truck was mired down, that team pulled it out and to the fire.

They carried on in that manner until 1914. New equipment and money was needed. The Apollo Elks Minstrel show was staged in the old Opera House—the profit to go to the Leechburg firemen. After the show, the Opera House burned. The fire company had to pay $300 from the proceeds for loss of show equipment.

Then a kiddies fire truck went on the raffle block and sufficient money came in to buy the first motorized truck—a Brockway, with 40-gallon acid-type extinguishers, room for 1000 feet of hose, axes, lights,

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ladders and pike poles—about $3000 worth of equipment.

More men came into the company. Fund raising continued and in 1922 another truck obtained. In 1929 the old building was enlarged, to become the present municipal building, with fire hall, borough offices, stores and firemen's meeting rooms.

This year, too—1929—saw the first of the immediately and continually successful annual Jamborees by the fire department. From this and other endeavors there was more money and council bought a new $8400 truck on a loan of funds from the fire department in 1935. This loan was repaid. In 1936 another truck was bought for $3280. It was needed to give aid to outlying districts.

In 1939 came the squad car at $3400 to get firemen safely to and from fires. Into this car has gone a light plant, costing $600; a 250-gallon pumper costing $400; an inhalator at $300; and other first aid equipment. There's a life boat and life vests for rescue work.

Big purchase was in 1948 for a triple combination fire truck at $14,000 into which another $4,000 worth of equipment of all types has been placed.

An older truck was sold to get $3800 to apply on the new one; and to make room in the fire hall for the new, which can pump 1,000 gallons of water a minute.

The Leechburg Fire Department has kept pace with the latest in fire fighting equipment and, in the time since organizing, perhaps its biggest fire was the five-hour battle with a stubborn $50,000 blaze which broke out early on Dec. 31, 1939.

This was the I.O.O.F. Bldg. in Market St., between First and Second. The three floors were destroyed. Mrs. Primo Livrone saw it break out while her husband was changing an automobile tire.

Walter Bright lost all his stock in his Bright & Sons store on the first floor, just as he had lost all in a previous fire in the same building in March of 1914. Later his household goods went up in flames in his home in Main St. That was in 1926. In 1932, a corner of his new home, in Beale Ave., was damaged by a fall of rock in a coal mine beneath it.

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Dynamiting the Postoffice Safe

Miss Julia Parks, whose father Jacob H. Parks was Leechburg's druggist, bandmaster and choir leader for many years, remembers this.

It was a quiet morning in 1896. She heard a noise. Then her mother lifting a window and yelling:

"Robbers in the Postoffice!"

A shot rang out.

By this time her father had gone to another window and called:

"Police!"

Another shot took a bite out of a brick by this window and Miss Parks recalls:

"You should have seen father get his head back."

The town policeman came around the corner of Park's drug store—the Postoffice was where Nardy's News is now. More shots rang out. No one was hit.

She remembers six men were in the robbery gang and the safe was dynamited, but nothing taken.

Town characters Miss Parks recalls—Susie Cover of Bagdad, never seen in town without a red feather in her hat, hence everyone called her "Red Feather"; and "Gorky," a genteel, short German from Hungry Hollow who brought in baskets of vegetables and sassafrass. Another was "Dutch Tanner," itinerant worker in John Taylor's tannery, who would come and go—always with his clothing tied to a stick and carried over his shoulder.

He was the man who, when he approached, caused all children to dash for home. He was giant-size.

Then she recalls the Sam Bole Opera House, site of Penn Theater now, where the medicine shows would play for a week and every Leechburg stage-struck youngster could usually get a bit part in the show.

And it was in the big 1891-92 steel mill strike that about 30 families left Leechburg, to become residents of Canton, Ohio and steel workers there.

Memories go back a long way, too for Homer Klingensmith, for years on the office force of American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. and a daily commuter to Pittsburgh; and his sisters, Edna M. and Leota. They live at First and Grant Sts. in a home built (when houses were built to last) in 1873. Homer and Miss Edna were born in that house.

They remember when mules to haul the canal boats were stabled near Burgess Joseph M. Stanier's old home and when all the land about the Klingensmith home was a clover field.

Their home was built by Squire A. J. Elliott; their father, John, worked in the old Kirkpatrick mill company store; 40 of their relatives were in the Johnstown Flood—two drowned; they recall Dr. D. P. Trout—"circuit riding" dentist—in Leechburg a couple of days, then Apollo and other towns. If your tooth ached in the meantime, your physician took care of it.

The Klingensmiths recall when folks were first afraid to use gas; when wild geese were attracted in huge numbers, by the burning gas flares from pipes high in the air. Most everyone went duck hunting then.

J. Frank Stoops, still repairing watches after 60 years, remembers Josiah Klingensmith, farmer and coal dealer, built the Penn-Lee Hotel in 1901 for $40,000. Stoops had to move his jewelry store then.

Mr. Stoops recalls that his father, Johnathan, born in Gilpin Twp. in 1836, once bought all the land from Pete's Place to Hyde Park bridge for $250 and when there was a good country fair for two years, 1878 and 1879, with running races and all.

He remembers helping tear down the old Leechburg Academy and old Hebron Lutheran Church; when Jake Fry, later owner of a bakery, ran the Shell Hotel, near the Leechburg station because he (Stoops) delivered milk there.

And Mr. Stoops remembers once hearing Grocer Henry McKallip telling the woman from whom he bought his butter:

"Put more salt in it, Harry (his son) eats too much."

Stoops can tell, too how he rode the horse which used to go round and round in the old Taylor tannery, turning a grinding machine which bit up the bark for tanning leather.

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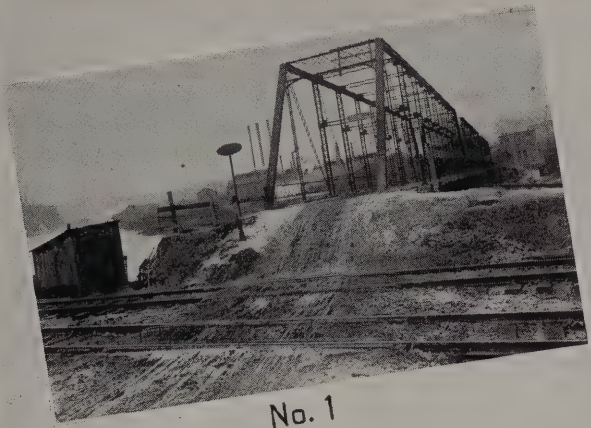

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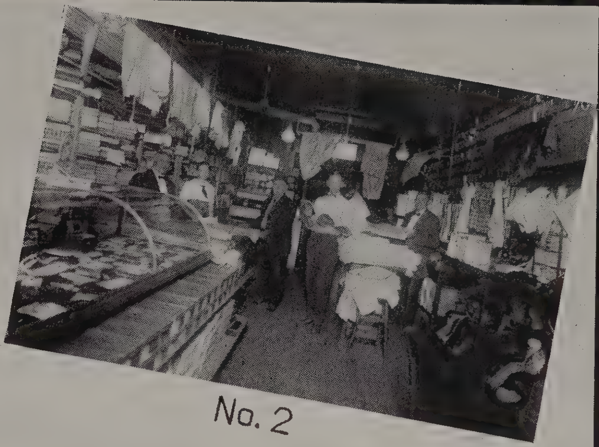

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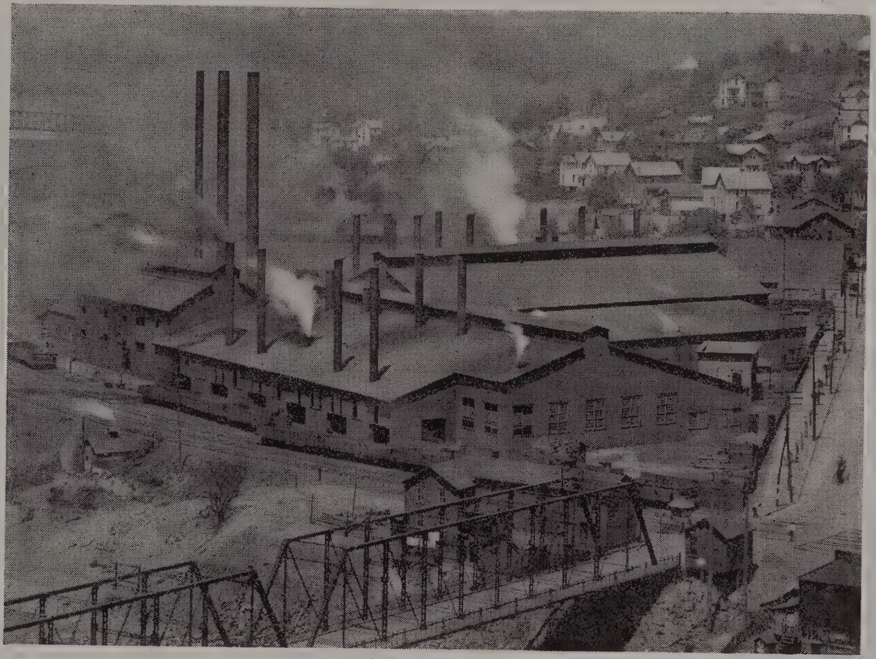

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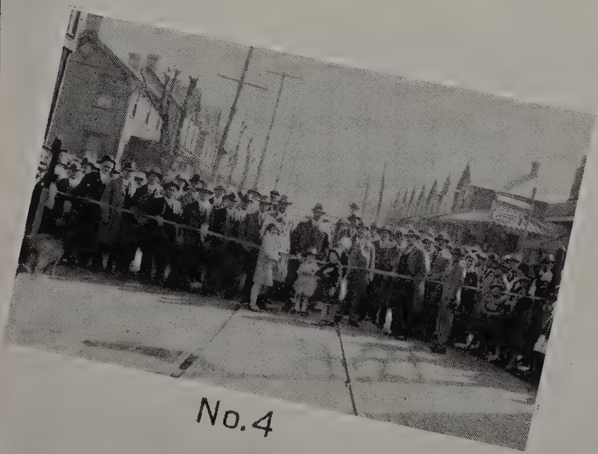

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(1) Westmoreland County approach to the Leechburg Bridge taken about 1900; (2) Early store of Bracken Fiscus, owner. Shown in the picture are Bracken Fiscus, W. S. Fiscus, Bertha Oliver clerk, and Arno Thompson; (3) The old Leechburg Tin Mill in 1905; (4) Opening of the state Highway Route 66, Greensburg to Kittanning, at North Vandergrift, October 22, 1927; (5) Pittsburgh Kiskiminetas Coal Company known as "East End Mine," Hyde Park. First coal mine operated by Captain Alfred Hicks about 1882.

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The age of an individual or of a community is a time of life rather than just a span of years. Time goes on uninterruptedly. No human power can stay its course. Men come and go. They struggle, they achieve, they pass away, and the torch of life is carried by others. Inexorably the pendulum of time swings on. Leechburg has grown up. Not alone by reason of years. It has arrived at maturity through the solid accomplishments of its citizens.

So in celebrating the anniversary of this first century in the life of Leechburg, we glory not in the years that have flown, but rather in the rich heritage we have from our forefathers who lived and worked and struggled here. By their initiative, ingenuity, perseverance and integrity, they have left us a community of which we may well feel proud.

Flourishing industries, business and banking houses, churches, schools and modern utilities—these are the physical evidences of their community building efforts. They are laudable and real. We can see them, enjoy them and profit by them. The great heritage and the thing that makes this community click is the heritage of character as revealed by the honesty, integrity and unswerving loyalty of those who lived and labored here through the years.

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Before iron and steel, the making of salt as a commercial product was a king-pin Kiski Valley industry. There were wells as far as Saltsburg.

But principal salt manufacture was in Bagdad. In the 1850's, some of the country's best salt wells were drilled in this Bagdad district. Many salt boilers lived in Bagdad, now a flag stop on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Among early salt makers were Daniel Hill, David Lynch, Daniel Kistler, Capt. Samuel Kistler and the pioneer members of the Cline, Stull, Shuster, Sherbondy, Walters and Klingensmith families of this area.

Capt. R. D. Ellwood was among the last to engage in the business, having bought the salt works of Johnathan Stoops. The last salt made in Leechburg was produced by D. B. Ashbaugh and H. H. Wray in 1882 with David Lynch, then 78, managing the works and acting as salt boiler.

Last well in operation in Armstrong County was that of William Gamble and son, on the Kiski River, near the mouth of Roaring Run.

The finding of salt, large beds of it, in the south and west so reduced the price of salt, that the Leechburg salt territory couldn't meet the competition.

Coal

Coal, beautiful, black lumps of it, was—and is—Leechburg and vicinity's most abundant and most valuable natural resource. You can't overwrite its potency in Leechburg economy and development.

It goes back to William Penn.

He granted the privilege for mining coal in Pittsburgh. Coal there was exposed, within the present city limits, in hundreds of places. The user could take it himself, with pick, shovel and wheelbarrow.

When first mined—around Leechburg and elsewhere—a farmer could dig enough out of the hillside for the kitchen stove. Soon he hauled it in farm wagon, sold his neighbors. Dealer and miner were the same person.

Now you go deep for coal, often under considerable natural difficulty. It isn't just nearby—it goes everywhere in great quantity. Civilization depends upon it.

From early mining in Pittsburgh we come to the outcropping in the upper Freeport seam or vein in and about Leechburg. It is the most abundant and most accessible of the coal seams in the Allegheny formation.

It is excellent for steaming; too sulphury to make gas and coke. In 1809, coal burned in the grates of early settlers in the coal region. In 1843 there moved on the Pennsylvania Canal to Pittsburgh 973 tons of Allegheny Mountain coal.

Before 1865 coal in and about here was dug from outcroppings for domestic use and to supply heat for boiling the salt brine in salt manufacture.

In 1857 the Pennsylvania Railroad took over the canal system from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. In 1865 the Western Pennsylvania Railroad was completed from Blairsville to Allegheny River. The canal was abandoned, but the right of way of the canal was used to carry the railroad on into Pittsburgh.

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And the construction of that railroad and the coming of the steam locomotive was the "Golden Era" for coal mining in Leechburg—the whole Kiski Valley.

In 1865 Joseph G. Beale went into the coal business in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh. He took coal from beneath some of the aristocratic sections of Pittsburgh. He sold out in 1868, came to Leechburg. He bought the Leech property. He got into iron making; the steel mills. He began developing coal properties.

In the panic of 1873, idle steel mill men got work in Leechburg Colliery, then operated by D. B. Ashbaugh. Though its mines were a half mile across the Kiski River it was, for 25 years, one of Leechburg's best assets.

In Mr. Beale's early exploits, coal was used under mill furnaces. This was before he drilled wells and got gas.

Mr. Beale operated the Armstrong Coal Co.; Beale Mine; Valley Coal Co., Aladdin and Denny Mines, assisted by his sons, Harry W., Edmund H. and Clifford A.

Early and only large mine opened in Leechburg borough was the American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. mine on Third St. It was by gravity, coal being run into cars from the tipple, the brakes released and the loaded cars would roll through the street into the gates of the rolling mill at the bottom of Third St. It went direct to furnaces. Mules pulled the empties back up the hill.

Later, a small steam locomotive shuttled the cars back and forth. The mine was worked out and abandoned in 1928.

Capt. Alfred Hicks was one of the earliest operators to open up new fields. He saw a stable and developing steam railroad market. Organized in 1882 the Pittsburgh and Kiskiminetas Coal Co. was the first coal company Capt. Hicks operated near Leechburg. It was the "East-End Mine," located on the Pennsylvania Railroad, on the eastern end of the Hyde Park tunnel.

He organized the Bagdad Coal and Coke Co., began shipping from Bagdad station. It employed about 20 pick miners, a monthly payroll of $800 to $1,000.

And when Capt. Hicks relinquished active mine management to devote time to steel, banking and other business in 1900, he was managing seven operating mines.

The management fell to his son, Lewis W., who had trained well under his father. Lewis Hicks kept close, careful and ceaseless attention to coal business and by

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Since 1925 the Hicks Coal Mining Interests in Leechburg and the Kiski Valley have continued to increase coal properties with annual production today over 2,500,000 tons—despite the fact today there are eight operating mines compared with 17 in 1925.

High speed electric haulage, modern underground mechanical mining and conveying equipment is largely responsible for production increase.

For the past 10 years, Mr. Lewis Hicks has been assisted in the operation and management of these mining interests by his son, Wenman A. Hicks.

While for more than 35 years, E. A. Watters, Sr. was associated as general superintendent of mines for the Hicks Mining Interests. His endless effort and good will through those long years has been a material factor in the growth and development of these mining properties. Today E. A. Watters, Jr. is superintendent of a number of the coal companies.

And R. C. Maher has for more than 30 years been associated with the Maher Coal and Coke Co. as general manager as well as part owner.

The Hicks Coal Mining Interests have general offices in Leechburg, operating the following mines—The Park Coal Co., Park Mine No. One; Leechburg Mining Co., Armstrong Mine one and two; Leechburg Mining Co., Foster Mine, four, five, six, eight and 55; Valley Coal Co., Valley Mine; Pine Run Co., Lewis Mine; Bowman Coal Co., Bowman Mine; Butler Junction Coal Co., Butler Junction Mine; Maher Coal & Coke Co., Maher Mine number four.

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The Beginning of Iron and Steel

When the Pennsylvania canal closed, some Leechburgers thought it would be a village again.

Then came iron and steel.

William Rogers and T. J. Burchfield bought in 1871 the ground where the Penn-Glenn Oil Works is today. In 1872 they built puddling, annealing and heating furnaces; two knobbling fires and a refiner fire. Out of this mill came 250 tons of finished iron a month. It equalled the quality of iron heretofore made from charcoal.

In 1874 a tin works was established with three stacks and 90 boxes of tin daily production. Total employment in the mills—150.

Men were imported to make the iron, because the process was new in America. Rogers had gone to Russia, to learn Russia's secret of making planished iron. He returned with several valuable patents. Later he was in England and Wales to recruit laborers.

Up to the spring of the year 1874, the mill used coal, burning it under the furnaces, or piling hot coal around the iron to soften it. Then they got experimenting with gas. A line was extended and gas released under boilers. A crude regulator was built to reduce pressure.

Using a long pole with a torch on the end, because they thought it might explode, John Cole, then superintendent, lit the gas.

It worked. Then Rogers, who had experimented with it as early as 1869, devised a furnace in which such gas could be used. William B. Jack and James Saulters adapted the gas to puddling furnaces.

This first mill was the Siberian Iron Works, so named after Rogers' Russian trip and that's how Siberian Ave. got its name.

Just as the gas got going and the mill ready to turn out more iron, the 1874 panic hit. The company failed in 1875 and Joseph G. Beale, John C. Kirkpatrick and John C. Wallace bought it at auction. It became Kirkpatrick, Beale & Co.

This plant ran with little interruption until 1900, when U. S. Steel Corp. took over.

In 1879, however, Beale disposed of his interest in the Kirkpatrick mill and built the Western Pennsylvania Steel Works on the site where Peoples Natural Gas Co. is. Later, when B. F. Jennings became a partner, they built four sheet mills in addition to the steel works. U. S. Steel took over in 1900, dismantling this mill.

On February 18, 1885, this picture was taken of a group of employees of the Kirkpatrick & Beale Company tin mill crew.

There was a mill, too called "Sunny Side" in the rear of the present Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Westmoreland side. Kirkpatrick & Co. built it for open hearth steel. There were 12 acres of land in the mill property and a 10-ton furnace went in first; later an additional 15-ton.

The scrap for ingots then was charged by hand, the scrap being taken to the charging floor in wheelbarrows.

On the casting floor, ingots were stripped by hand. The cranes, to load the ingots on wagons, were hand-operated. The wagons would haul the ingots to the rolling mills in Leechburg; the finished sheets and scrap being taken back across the wooden bridge by the same wagons.

John McGinley was steel mill superintendent for Kirkpatrick until the 1900 change.

In the West Penn Steel mill, too, most operations were by hand. There the ingots were reduced in size with a hammer, then sold to other steel mills. They were hauled by wagon over the bridge to be loaded in railroad freight cars.

B. F. Jennings had a steel plant with sheet mills in Allegheny City and this he moved to Leechburg to consolidate with Beale's firm. Later J. G. Beale sold to Jennings Bros. and after the 1893 strike, Harry W. Beale and others took over until 1900.

All the Kirkpatrick, Beale and Jennings mills were consolidated into American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. when U. S. Steel was formed in 1900. The old Kirkpatrick plant being enlarged and new machinery brought in. New buildings went up and at this time the Leechburg plant was one of Big Steel's best.

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and necessary appliances. The work force climbed to 700 with a monthly payroll of more than $100,000. About this time, too, a complete machine and roll turning shop was added.

This plant was famous for "Keystone" copper bearing steel and the nationally known "Apollo Best Bloom." Too, because of the available gas, this plant was one of the few which deoxidized sheet steel for electrical purposes, plus metal lath for buildings.

H. E. Bruce, now a vice president of First National Bank, was superintendent of this American Sheet plant for many years being the final superintendent upon dismantling in 1932.

So in less than a century of Leechburg history, we now see steel mills again converting to gas—gas which Leechburg discovered for metallurgical purposes.

The whole cost of land and buildings for the original Rogers & Burchfield mill here was $225,000. It brought $77,000 at auction.

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Too, on his trip into Russia, Mr. Rogers must have seen and learned much that the United States would like to know about Russia in 1950.

On that trip he travelled overland 280 miles, across the then Empire of Russia, into Siberia. He travelled in a tarantass and visited most of the mine and iron works of both Siberia and Russia.

A tarantass is a low four-wheel carriage, the carriage resting on two long, springy poles. When snow falls, the body is mounted on a sledge.

There's this also about the West Penn Steel mill Maj. Beale started—his was the first steel plant in United States to be operated entirely by American employes. Too, it was the second plant in Pennsylvania to make billets for open hearth furnaces—the other being the Edgar Thomson Works of the present Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. at Braddock, then owned by Andrew Carnegie.

And Maj. Beale had to pay $10,000 to use the Edgar Thomson process in Leechburg.

Later Maj. Beale's son, Addison, who learned the steel business in his father's Leechburg plant, became the man in charge of all American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. mills in the Kiski Valley—38 at Vandergrift, 11 in Leechburg, five in Hyde Park, six in Saltsburg.

Before Mr. Rogers returned from Siberia with patents on the making of planished iron there, the DeWees, Wood & Co. of McKeesport had tried with little success to make such iron. When Rogers & Burchfield failed, that company bought Rogers' patents and some of the Leechburg mill men got jobs in McKeesport.

Oil For God's Work

Eleven years after Leechburg became a borough there was organized a company which proposed to expend oil profits to promote God's Kingdom on Earth.

This was the Howelton Oil Co. organized Jan. 5, 1861 in the home of Daniel Kepple in Allegheny Township. Shareholders were Daniel Kepple, George Sobers, Daniel Sobers, David Sobers, Andrew Sobers, John Artman Jr., Daniel Artman, William Shaner, William Artman, Samuel Kepple and the Rev. Jacob Zimmerman.

Daniel Sobers became president; Daniel Kepple, vice president; and the Rev. Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer. They bought two acres from David Kepple on the Kiski River, opposite the Kiskimere Mine in Parks Twp. On it was the Belgian salt well.

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Oil and Natural Gas

The Howelton Oil Co. preceded other oil effort in Leechburg by eight years.

In 1869 Joseph G. Beale and others organized a company, drilling a well across the river in the valley behind the railroad station. They didn't get oil. But at 1200 feet they struck gas. They drilled 50 more feet and gave up.

At first, they could find no use for it and the gas escaped into the air.

Then a pipe line was carried into town, near the site of the mill, another pipe raised into the air nearly 65 feet. On top of this the gas was burned in an open flame, like in the oil fields of Texas, and that made enough light to keep the town out of the dark.

It was in 1874 that gas from this well—and others—went into the mill.

In the late 1870's, a gas company of local citizens organized to sell some gas. Among them were J. G. Beale, H. H. Wray, John Schwalm, S. C. Bole, J. P. Klingensmith and others. This company later was sold into the Pine Run Gas Co., founded by E. M. Hukill.

In 1890 William Porterie, a Greek, bought land from the Schenley estate, owned by Mary Schenley of Pittsburgh, then in England, moved to what is now Aladdin. He built a candy factory; distilled and melted residue from cannel coal oil.

He helped form Consumers Gas Co., drilling successful wells in the Aladdin area. It put pipes into Leechburg, selling gas to Leechburg Light & Fuel Co., this company having been the first natural gas company to be chartered in Pennsylvania.

The American Gas Co. began here in 1903. It put new pipe lines in Leechburg to replace old; replanned all gas distribution. About 1920 it purchased the real estate and buildings of Leechburg Enameling Co., used now by Peoples Natural Gas Co.

In 1925 American became Columbia, merging with Peoples in 1938.

Peoples has expanded rapidly. Main office is in Pittsburgh; district office for field operations in Apollo, headed by C. L. Spencer. George Hall supervises gas distribution in Leechburg.

The company has 135 district employes; operates 423 producing wells in this district, with new drilling by contract, although the district operates four strings of tools, used principally in drilling wells to deeper sand. In this area it has six wells, producing some oil, none more than 100 barrels a year.

One of the district wells is on the Parks farm. John Crosby of Leechburg drilled it in 1894. It produces now, being drilled deeper in 1940.

Most gas for Leechburg is from District wells. Sometimes it is necessary to bring gas from Murrysville, Wilkinsburg, Girty and Valley compressing station beyond Kittanning.

So, because there is more gas used here than can be supplied locally, Peoples plans to bring gas from western states. Some of it would be stored in old gas wells around here.

In Leechburg, the Peoples company keeps an automotive repair division, in charge of C. M. Hines. Drilling engines and equipment, trucks and automobiles are repaired here. Sixteen men are employed.

In 1888 the Pine Run Gas Co. drilled a well on Pine Run. It was little used for three years, then sold to Apollo Steel Co. That's how Apollo Gas Co. started It changed ownership three times in early years, now is a U. S. Steel subsidiary.

Principal Apollo Gas Co. office is in Pittsburgh, D. S. Keenan president, but the division office is in the I.O.O.F. bldg. in Leechburg where C. M. Williams is division superintendent. To date this company has drilled 874 gas wells.

It has seven strings of tools, two for new wells; five for going to deeper sands. In addition it purchases gas from 75 individuals and small local companies. It has six pumping stations; about 400 miles of pipe line.

There is a repair shop of this company in Leechburg.

Principal consumer is Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. works at Vandergrift. The mill takes 11,500,000 cubic feet of gas daily. In addition Apollo Gas Co. supplies gas to 500 homes. One of its oldest wells is on the Phillip Riggle farm in Burrel Twp. It was drilled in 1894, is still a producer.

S. C. Bole was one of the early Leechburgers to invest in gas. Many wells he drilled, controlled now by his heirs, still produce.

In 1912 a Leechburg group formed Pleasant Valley Oil and Gas Co. It operated many years under its first officers—A. W. Smith, president; George M. Riggle. vice president and Frank Gosser, secretary and treas-

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urer. It has continued as a small company and today has nine producing wells in Gilpin and S. Buffalo Twps.

It has a pumping station in Gilpin Twp. and Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. purchases all this gas. Present officers are Herman H. Smith, president; Clarence E. Gosser, vice president and Edwin H. Smith, treasurer.

Another company of local citizens is Leechburg Gas Co. Inc. It organized Dec. 10, 1930, drilling several wells in adjoining townships. It has a pumping station on Godfrey Rd. in Gilpin Twp. In addition it buys, sells and pumps gas for other companies. F. T. Butler is president.

Acme Natural Gas Co. organized about 1920. Two most active original stockholders were Dr. S. J. McMains and John Crosby. Others were from Kittanning. William Walley of Kittanning now owns controlling interest. The Company operates six wells in Gilpin Twp.

It supplies many Gilpin Twp. homes, but most of its gas is sold to Peoples Natural Gas Company.

All this natural gas helped expand Leechburg. The strong wells no longer exist, but many local ones still are producers. But the future of the gas industry here must be found in unexplored deeper sands.

CENTENNIAL GREETINGS

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What today is the sprawling Mesta Machine Co. in West Homestead was founded in Leechburg in 1887. It then occupied two acres between the river and the West Penn Railroad. It was founded by George Mesta, operating here as Leechburg Foundry & Machine Co.

With a force of about 200, the plant in Leechburg began its extensive manufacture of rolling mills, plant machinery and while in Leechburg, it first went into its large-scale present business—that of building whole tin plate plants, from foundation to roof.

It built the first four-mill tin plate plant for LaBelle Iron Works of Wheeling, forerunner of the Weirton Steel Co. there today. It built the first sheet plant for the Hyde Park Iron & Steel Co.

The first Mesta plant here was destroyed by fire in 1888, rebuilt in 1889. First officers were W. A. Cochran, president; George Mesta, vice president; W. D. Rowan, secretary and R. R. Moore, treasurer.

Later, before the move to West Homestead, Mesta became president and J. O. Horning, treasurer. Its principal office was in Pittsburgh in 1895, connected to the plant here by one of the early direct office-to-plant long distance telephone lines, now in ordinary daily use everywhere.

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The Leechburg Flour Mills were established in 1879 by A. J. Elliott, D. B. Ashbaugh, H. H. Wray, John Young, John Williams and J. P. Klingensmith.

Harry May owned and operated the mills from January, 1910 until he sold to Norman Shuster in 1924. Mr. May again took over in October, 1927 and operated the business until it discontinued in October, 1944.

When Leechburg Made Shovels

The good earth for vegetables and ditches for pipe lines in a great many places, was turned up by spades, scoops and shovels made in Leechburg.

In 1898 the Pittsburgh Shovel Co. purchased the ground and buildings of the former Foundry, made extensive repairs and installed a complete line of shovel making machinery.

The company soon had the reputation of making one of the best grade of shovels in United States. They shipped to many places in this country and had an extensive foreign trade, too.

Officers were W. S. Horner, president; Vaughan Horner, vice president and general manager; C. B. Steffey, secretary; G. S. Phillips, treasurer; and W. A. Shuster, superintendent. The plant ceased operations early in 1932, becoming part of Hubbard & Co. in Pittsburgh.

Hyde Park Foundry & Machine Co.

Just opposite Leechburg in the borough of Hyde Park is an industry unique in United States. For more than 50 years the Hyde Park Foundry & Machine Co. had the same three officers—Thomas W. McCausland, president; James Lees, vice president and N. H. Slonaker, secretary and treasurer.

George F. Shaner was the fourth stockholder and together these four men made up the board of directors, owning equal shares of stock. The McCausland, Slonaker and Lees families are still in the corporation.

This Hyde Park industry was organized in 1895 by a group of practical men from the old Leechburg foundry. Original capital stock was $20,000 and operations began in a building 60 by 80 feet.

A foundry, machine shop, pattern shop and offices were in this building. First heat was poured Sept. 19, 1895.

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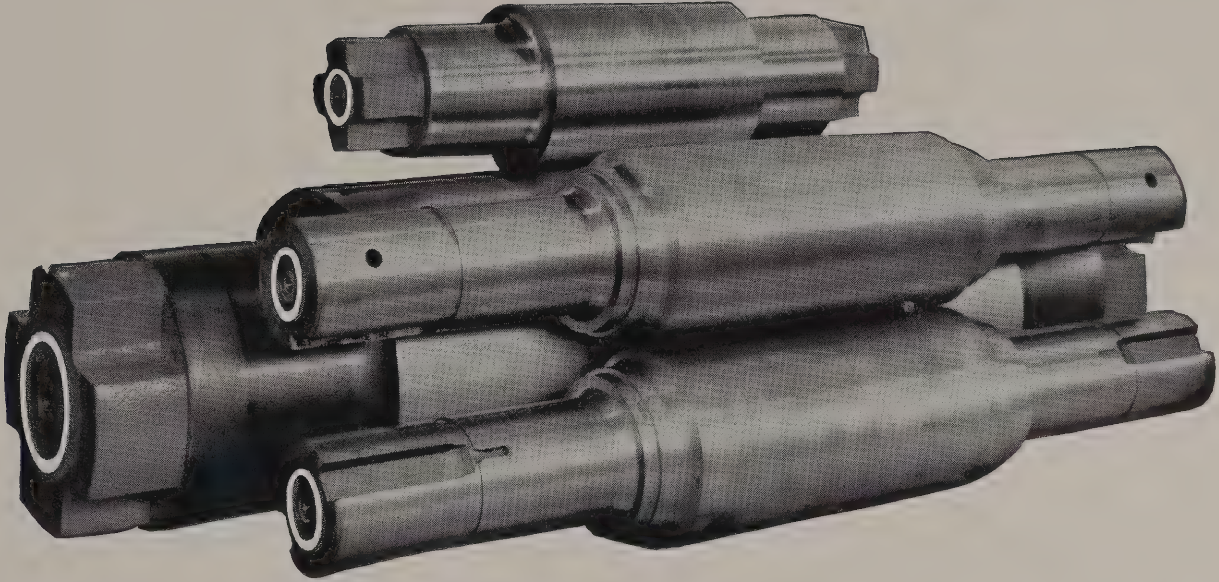

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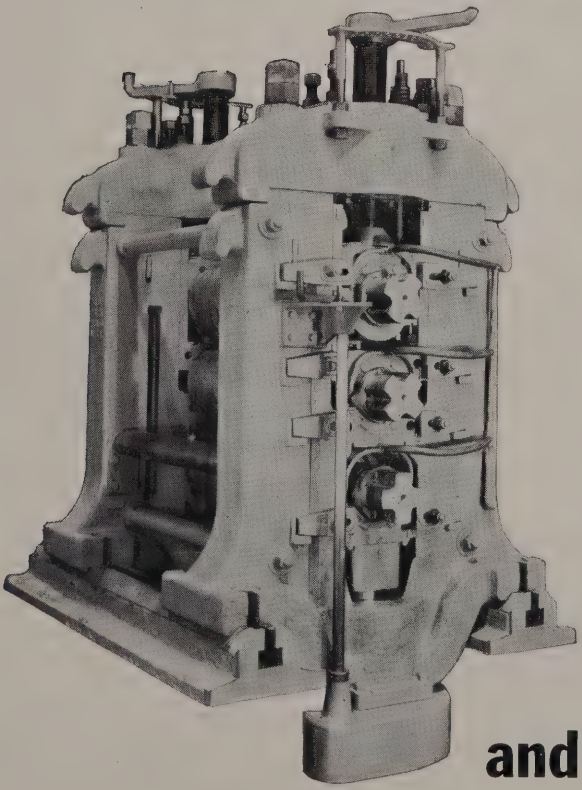

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steel and tin mill "chilled" iron rolls started. These were to be the back-bone of the company for many years.

There was a steady growth from 1909 to 1924. In this period the machine shop was doubled in size.

By 1926 the first location and building along the Kiski at the west end of Hyde Park became inadequate and the old U. S. Steel plant was made available. In 1927, the whole plant was moved, without losing a single day's operation.

After 1929 with new developments in the steel mills, the company developed new lines, in particular the Chrome-Nickel alloy iron or "grain" work roll for four-high mills. Today Hyde Park Foundry's customers include all steel mills in United States, into Canada, South America, Mexico, Western Europe, India, China and Japan.

When the 1936 flood came along, the plant site was flooded but no great damage was done to the plant, compared with what might have been at the first location, which was completely under water.

Present officers are Charles T. Slonaker, president and board chairman; Edward M. McCausland, vice president; G. Edward Clifton, secretary and treasurer. For operations C. T. Slonaker is general manager, Mr. McCausland, assistant general manager and Mr. Clifton, office manager.

Most employes are skilled men, machinists and moulders who have grown up with the company. Their sons, in some instances, have taken their fathers place. All have played an important part in the company's development.

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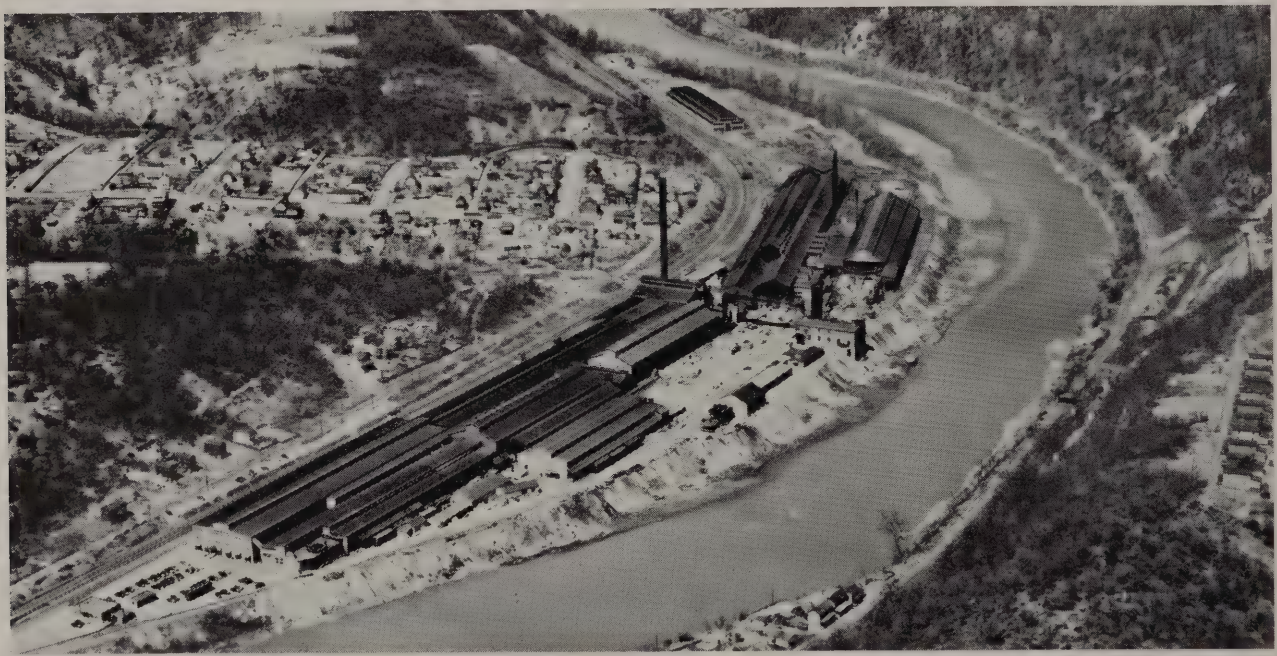
Steel still courses through Leechburg's economic veins. This is a stainless steel center—in the extensive West Leechburg plant of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp.

It goes back to June 19, 1897. That's when West Leechburg Steel and Tin Plate Co. organized. Officers were Capt. Alfred Hicks, president; J. W. Kirkpatrick, vice president; J. L. Kirkpatrick, treasurer; James Lippincott, secretary and F. R. Kenyon, general manager.

These and L. W. and N. W. Hicks and H. E. Sheldon were the directors.

Twenty more acres were purchased in 1908, on which a 9-inch hoop and strip mill and two open hearth furnaces were constructed. Those furnaces served until 1922; the nine-incher until 1945.

There were added in September, 1922 a continuous 16 to 20-inch hot strip mill, a 16-inch continuous cold rolling mill, a new pickling department, a complete machine shop and additional warehouses. Now the mill capacity was 180,000 tons of hot rolled and 40,000 tons of cold rolled strip steel annually. There were 1,000 men on the payroll in 1925; wages in excess of $1,500,000.



Air view of West Leechburg plant of Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation, showing plant and part of the town of Leechburg.

Sheldon and the Hicks resigned Oct. 6, 1900 and J. W. Kirkpatrick succeeded Capt. Hicks to the presidency.

The name was changed to West Leechburg Steel Co. on March 5, 1904.

The company was founded to make cold rolled strip steel.

In the first purchase in West Leechburg were 10 acres of ground and 75 acres of coal, with 300 tons production of steel monthly, employing 60 men.

In 1902 a 12-inch hot strip mill was built so the company could have an independent supply of hot roll material for the cold rolling mills. The demand for both increased. More cold reducing mills went in.

Production of stainless and alloy strip steel began in 1929. That was the year the first Steckel mill for cold reduction went in. Now—1950—there are 11 of those Steckels—largest battery of such mills in any one plant in the world. These mills produce 50,000 tons of stainless steel annually.

A continuous 12-inch hot strip mill was completed in 1930, capacity 135,000 tons a year. In 1925 a 29-inch, four-high cold rolling mill was built. It is capable of turning out 12,000 tons of stainless steel annually.

The merger with Allegheny Steel Co. was July 31, 1936, becoming the company's West Leechburg Division.

A year later production of Silicon strip steel started and in 1949 the output of this steel was more than 60,000 tons. On Aug. 15, 1938 Allegheny Steel and Ludlum Steel merged, to become Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. and this plant remains the West Leechburg Division.

A 42-inch reversing four-high cold rolling mill started to produce stainless steel in strips, capacity being 20,000 tons a year. Next big machinery installation was a 28-inch four stand, four-high continuous cold reducing mill. On this, 130,000 tons a year can be rolled. This mill, to keep it going, required installation of considerable auxiliary equipment.

In this centennial year, a 42-inch temper mill has been installed. This makes it possible to increase the output of a wide strip of stainless steel.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. is now one of the largest, possibly largest producer of cold roll stainless, alloy and silicon strip steel. All this tonnage comes from West Leechburg.

On the rolls are 2400 employes and, if present rate of operations continue, total 1950 wages will be more than eight million dollars.

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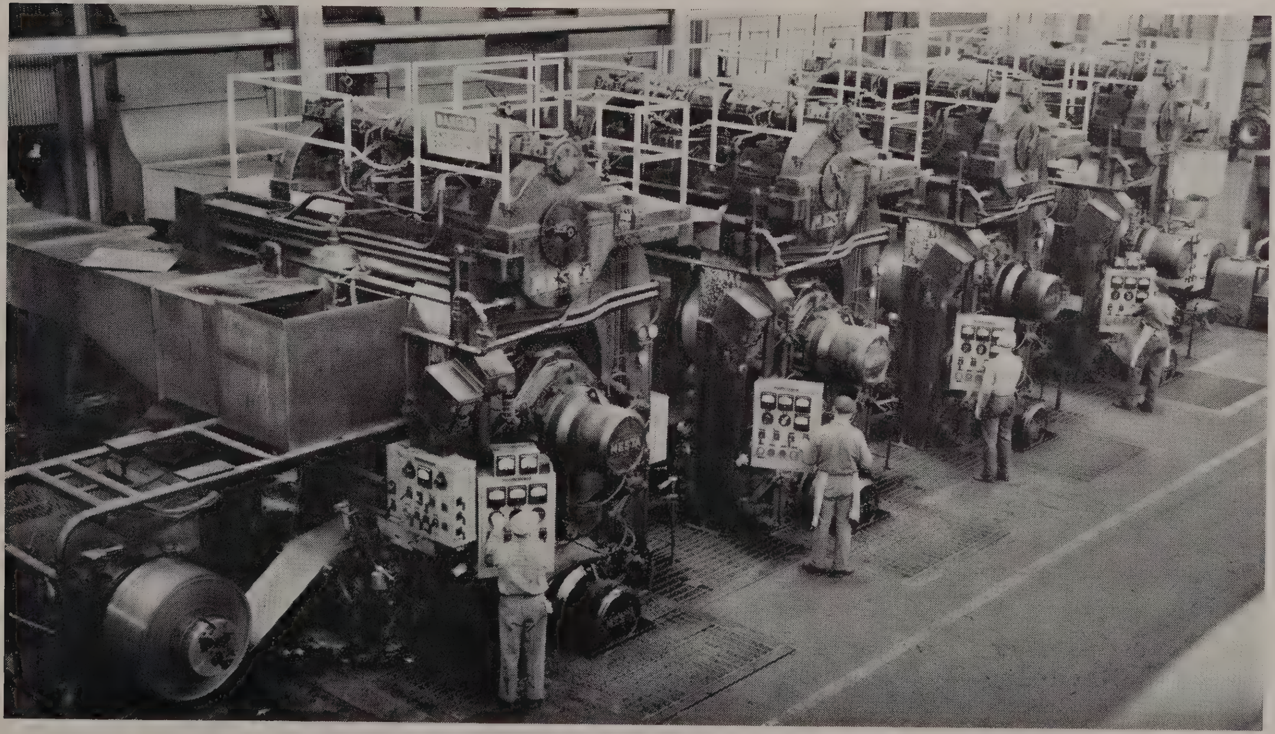
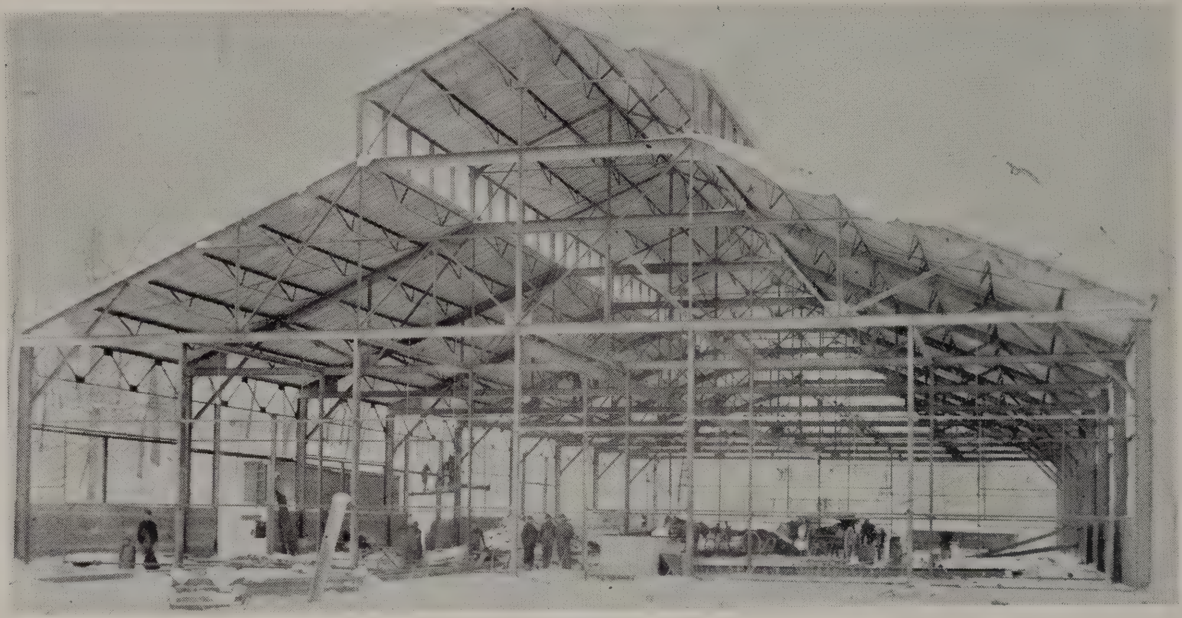


Four-high Cold Strip Rolling Mill at Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp.



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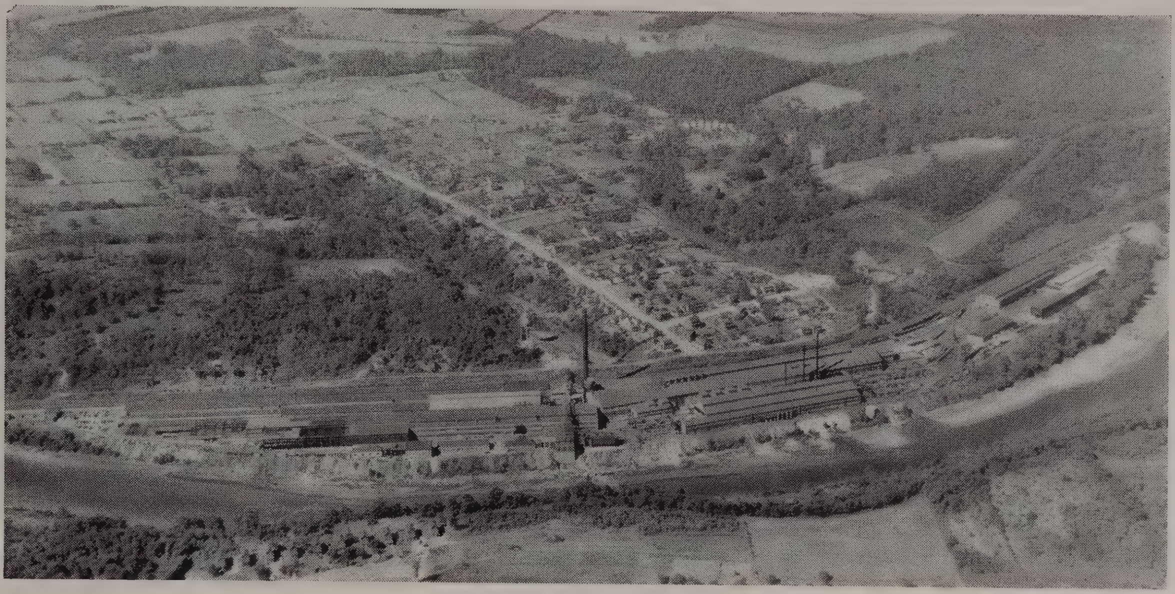

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For during that time we have grown together—and, together we shall contine to Progress and continue to Grow in the future.

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Cows On Penn's Land

What comes closest to being a land flowing with "milk and honey" is near Leechburg.

Off the bend in a modern highway, there is a wide area of level earth on which cows graze—land whose deed is hand-lettered on parchment from the time of William Penn.

Small wonder, then, in 1769 that when one John Montgomery first gazed upon this land he was to whisper:

"Farmer's Delight."

It has been that since. Since 1814 it has been in the Parks family. Robert Parks came first—from Mifflin County, his covered wagon drawn by oxen. The ox yoke is still on the farm.

A log cabin went up first. Land was cleared. There's 750 acres now. Successive owners were James B. and John W. Parks. Their interest was solely in farming.

About 35 years ago, the mother of Harry B. and James B. Parks, present owners, inspired the dairy business. So the word dairy was added to Farmers Delight and Leechburg, in turn, had a new, essential industry.

First delivery of milk was by a boatman, rowing across the Kiski to the first customer, Thomas W. McCausland, then part owner of Hyde Park Foundry.

The McCauslands are still customers. Production rate first was a gallon a day. Then and now all milk is promptly cooked. It comes from the farm's own Guernsey cattle.

Distributed daily now in Leechburg and other Kiski Valley points are 3,000 quarts of milk, a quantity of cottage cheese and other products. Sixty per cent of the milk is homogenized.

The plant has 17 employes.

This dairy had the first pasteurizing plant in Leechburg. In 1944 the Cherry-Burrell Co. of Pittsburgh designed and installed special dairy equipment and machinery. Machinery does most all work—from the cows to boilers to coolers to bottling machines. Steam and heat are from gas-fired boilers, the gas coming from wells on Farmers Delight farm.

James B. has the responsibility of farm management, producing the feed for 55 high production cattle. His brother, manager of the dairy, is also a breeder and seller of fine horses.

So while Leechburg as a borough is 100 years old, Farmers Delight goes back 178 years and there Great-Grandfather Robert Park's oxen first set foot. Cows now roam through, not a wilderness, but a lush pasture —unworried by a parchment deed or the passing of time.

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Schenley Distillery

This Allegheny-Kiski Valley industry began in March 1892, with purchase of six acres of land by Frank M. Sinclair and his brother-in-law, Henry Bischoff.

A month later, Tom Sinclaire, an uncle, joined them. Frank was a chemist. He held patents on charcoal rectifiers, used in the manufacture of spirits and it was he who selected the distillery site.

He chose the site after coming from Peoria, Ill. and first analyzing the water. He found the water in an underground stream, parallel with the river, and found it most suitable for making whisky.

Those three then formed Schenley Distillery Ltd.

The original distillery was built for 200 bushels of grain daily. Tom Sinclaire, president and manager of the plant, lived at Schenley.

In 1903, with the investment of new capital, the name was changed to Schenley Distilling Co. Grain capacity was expanded. More buildings went up. In 1912, the No. 5 warehouse was destroyed by fire; loss $350,000.

Despite that loss, however, the company operated extensively until the Prohibition Amendment. Then the distilling interests were sold to D. K. Weiskopf of Cincinnati. In 1920 Schenley Products Co. was formed.

In 1922, H. E. Wilkin, Sr., one of the best qualified distillers in the industry, came from Louisville, Ky. as plant manager. It was operated as a Concentration Warehouse, the distillery not being permitted to run.

Bottling of whiskey was on medical permits only.

The Schenley Products Co. was purchased in 1923 by the present owners who, in 1924, purchased the Joseph S. Finch Co.—an old distillery in South Side, Pittsburgh, moving that plant to Schenley in 1925.

Since that consolidation, operations have been under the name of Joseph S. Finch Co., an affiliate of Schenley Industries, Inc.

The distillery resumed in 1929 on reduced schedule to replenish stocks in the Concentration Warehouse. Until repeal, the plant at night was guarded by Police Dogs.

With repeal, Carl J. Kiefer, Vice President of Schenley Distillers Corp., then a consulting engineer in Cincinnati, was commissioned to design and build a larger and modern plant. Construction began in 1933 to usher in a new era in distilling and packaging.

More land was purchased from Sinclaire Estate. Buildings were placed for proper flow of materials. High-speed bottling equipment was installed. One building was for employes' recreation — auditorium and bowling alleys. The bowling alleys later gave way to a modern cafeteria.

Schenley Distillery

But out of that recreation building came a basketball team that won for Schenley a wide reputation while the Schenley Baseball team captured the state semi-pro championship in 1938.

And the Schenley Club, with rooms for out-of-town visitors, is noted for excellent food and gives the visitor a vast panoramic view of the Allegheny River and the rolling hills bordering it.

Mr. Wilken died in 1936 and his son-in-law, T. J. McConville, became plant manager. Later he was assigned to be Eastern Regional Manager in charge of operations for all Schenley Distilleries in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Massachusetts. C. W. Young of Freeport is the present plant manager.

The plant now covers 60 acres, there's 67 buildings, a company-owned farm of 265 acres on which in 1935 about 1400 cattle were fed.

Schenley was among the first beverage alcohol distilleries to start, soon after Pearl Harbor, to produce war alcohol—a total of 33,604,000 gallons of this essential war product being turned out. It was vital to manufacture of synthetic rubber, explosives and countless other implements of warfare.

A year's payroll is several million dollars and many millions more go into Federal and State taxes while in a year the plant operations require 45,000 tons of coal, two billion, 100 million gallons of water, 709 million pounds of steam, 4,954,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, 15,000 freight cars and 2500 trucks.

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Wholesaling of Meats

One of the industries of this valley and a business old in years, is the wholesaling of meat, now under ownership of H. M. Huffman in Parks Twp.

Stores and markets in Apollo, Leechburg, Vandergrift, Avonmore, Salina and outlying points are dependent upon it for a supply of fresh meat.

The business was founded in North Vandergrift by E. C. Rhodes. It was wiped out in the 1936 flood. Then he purchased the old Parks farm on Leechburg-Vandergrift highway and rebuilt the business.

In 1942, Mr. Rhodes retired—selling the business to his employes, Hudson and Alvin Huffman. Hudson, an employe for 21 years, was with Mr. Rhodes in North Vandergrift.

The business then became Huffman Bros. In 1945, Alvin went into farming, purchasing the old Beatty farm at Bell Point Hill, near Apollo, where he now resides.

Hudson took over sole ownership of the meat plant.

In addition to the slaughtering of livestock, there is a farm of 125 acres under cultivation and he is specializing in the raising of registered white-faced Herefords.

The farm has been enlarged and mechanized. And new trucks were put into service in 1949 and 1950 to speed daily delivery of meat.

Ointment and Lubrication

A fast-growing twentieth century industry in Leechburg is Penn Glenn Oil Works Inc., associated with Pennsylvania Refining Co. of Butler, with refinery connections at Titusville and Karns City.

This industry had its beginning in the Gay Nineties era, in the old flour mill David Leech built in 1829, where Pete's Place is today.

The old mill was torn down in 1945.

In the beginning, the business was started as the Leechburg Oil and Paint Co., by T. Luther Fry, one of Leechburg's early pioneering business men, who did a good sideline business in the trading of horses, often riding horseback or in a horse and buggy through much of Western Pennsylvania—wherever he heard of a good deal.

Besides being a good judge of horses, Mr. Fry originated what became familiarly known as 1000-mile axle grease for buggies and wagons.

Fry peddled this grease extensively, even into the hills of Kentucky and West Virginia.

Percy Hancock, oldest employe in years of service at Penn Glenn who went to work for Mr. Fry in 1913, remembers that a feature of this grease was putting it into one and one-fourth pound cans which could be nailed to the coupling pole and carried right along with the wagon.

Some years prior to the death of Mr. Fry in 1920, he incorporated under the name Leechburg Oil and Koline Co. with C. F. Armstrong, president; Dean Sobers, vice president and C. L. Armstrong, secretary and treasurer.

Then he went into production of various types of oils, perfumed oils—something like vaseline today. He made a brand of ointment called "Buckeye," for animals and humans, which is still produced in Leechburg today by the BHK Laboratories.

When Mr. Fry first came to Leechburg from his birthplace near Cochran's Mills, he went into the livery stable business; then in a roof paint shop with Chester Logan, before establishing his own oil and paint business.

In 1927 Benjamin (Ben) Glenn came to Leechburg. Two weeks later he was joined by his cousin, Todd K. Glenn.

On May 13, 1927 they bought all the old machinery and equipment of Mr. Fry. In June of that year Penn Glenn Oil Works Inc. was established.

Wayne Glenn (brother of Todd) who was in Pennsylvania Refining Co. became president, remaining president until his death; Ben Glenn became the first vice president and Todd Glenn secretary and treasurer.

From the beginning the Glenns established a close, business relationship and were actively engaged on an equal basis in pushing the firm to the successful position it occupies today with a good future ahead in the field of lubrication.

Todd Glenn died in 1949—a loss keenly felt in

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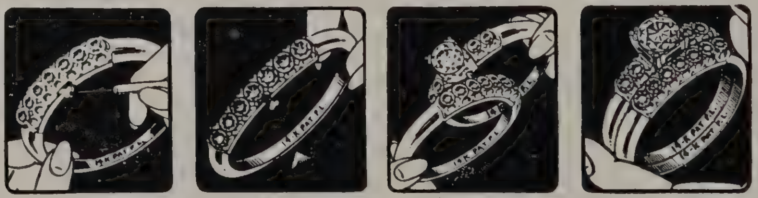

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Leechburg not alone by his business partners, but by many persons who had been recipients of his generosity in time of trouble.

Starting out with four employes—Todd and Ben Glenn, Alfreda McKinley and Mr. Hancock, the firm now has 55 employes. A year after starting operations, Robert Cuffia, John Fansler and Robert S. Thompson were employed. They're still in the company.

From the beginning, business expanded. Then came the 1936 flood, to wipe out everything—12 storage tanks, all on the banks of the river, buildings, warehouse—all except the old flour mill David Leech built. Everyone in town thought it would be carried away, too. It held.

One of the heavy tanks washed down the Kiski was found later in Wheeling. Another tank, filled with "black strap," a heavy motor oil, lodged against a home in Canal St., broke open and flowed like syrup through second floor windows.

Another tank was swept up against a Pittsburgh attorney's cottage on the island at Oakmont, and filled it with oil. The attorney sued—but the suit was outlawed, the courts holding the flood was "an Act of God," for which the Penn Glenn Co. was not responsible.

After the flood, the firm had to start again from scratch, resuming on the old site. Then they purchased the Kiski Auto Supply Bldg. at 157 Third St. and additional ground where the old American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. mill stood.

The plant and facilities now occupy four acres. There's a garage, restaurant building (Penn Grill), bulk plant, barrel house and service station on the property plus storage tanks with total capacity of about 400,000 gallons.

In addition, the company has rail sidings, 15 delivery trucks, owns a parking lot and service station in New Kensington and service stations in Tarentum and Vandergrift.

The Penn Glenn Oil Works is a distributor and marketer of gasoline and petroleum products of all types and is the largest independent compounders of petroleum products in Western Pennsylvania.

It distributes about 100,000 gallons of lubricating oils a month; total annual products reach about six million gallons—compared with about 100,000 gallons a year in Mr. Fry's day. And Mr. Fry's business included heavy sales of kerosene. Penn Glenn still sells some kerosene.

There are direct refinery connections and in 10 years, receiving and delivery has gone over almost exclusively to motor transport. It services industrial and commercial accounts in a 50-mile radius.

In moving from the old location to the new, not one order was delayed—empty tanks being brought to the new location and filled, after being unloaded at the old site.

Paul Beck is president of the firm today; Ben Glenn; vice president and treasurer; H. N. Clements, secretary and assistant treasurer and George Glenn, Todd's son, is executive vice president.

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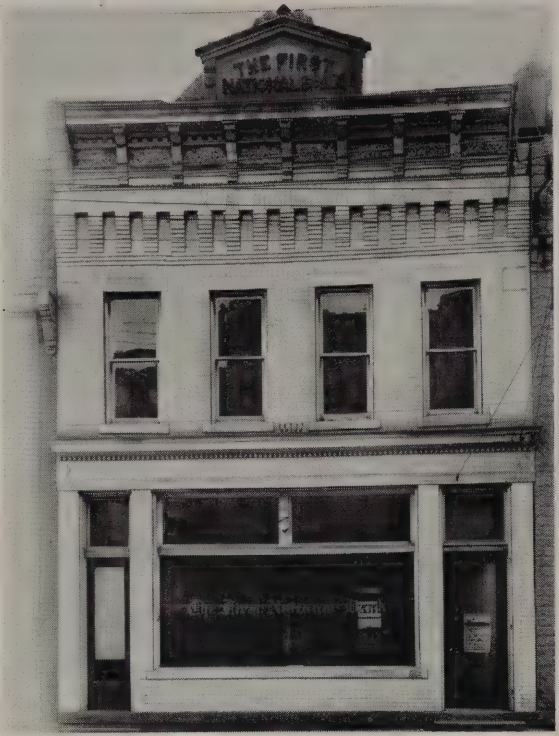

OUR BANK IN 1900

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Capt. Alfred Hicks, President

C. F. Armstrong, Cashier

DIRECTORS

Capt. Alfred Hicks
S. Nelson Hicks
George W. Thompson
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C. F. Armstrong

This Bank was organized on June 26, 1900, opened for business on September 18, 1900.

The first Directors elected were:

Capt. ALFRED HICKS
S. N. HICKS
GEORGE W. THOMPSON
C. F. ARMSTRONG
JOHN R. LONG

Alfred Hicks was elected President and C. F. Armstrong was elected as Cashier.

Statement of the First National Bank, Leechburg, Pa., at the Close of Business, December 31, 1900

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Cash on Hand	$ 9,632.42	Capital Stock	$25,000.00
Reserves in Banks	8,598.59	Undivided Profits	15.41
Bonds and Securities	12,984.37	Deposits, demand	4,789.19
Expenses	264.22	Deposits, time	1,675.00
	$31,479.60		$31,479.60

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WITH TRUST DEPARTMENT

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Vice President

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Cashier

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Ass't Cashier and
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Ass't Cashier

C. E. Hild,
Ass't Cashier

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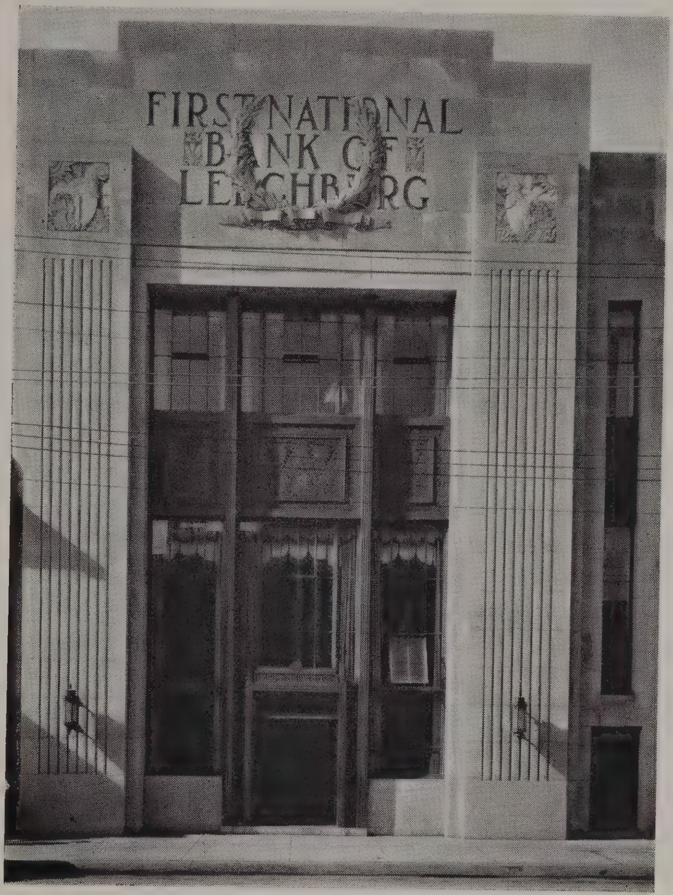

OUR BANK IN 1950

DIRECTORS

Lewis W. Hicks
Charles J. Neiman
Fred E. Hill
James Lees
H. E. Bruce
F. T. Butler
E. A. Watters
W. A. Hicks
F. E. Bash
Dr. J. M. Everwine
Charles T. Slonaker

Statement of Condition as of March 31, 1950

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	$1,370,588.75
U. S. Government Securities	6,841,500.00
Bond Securities	365,000.00
Federal Reserve Stock	21,750.00
Banking House	70,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	8,278.32
Cash and Due from Banks	2,014,385.15
Interest earned but not due	33.96
	$10,691,536.18

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$ 125,000.00
Surplus	600,000.00
Undivided Profits	79,871.68
Accrued Interest	18,000.00
Reserve for Taxes	12,287.10
Deposits	9,856,377.40
	$10,691,536.18

TRUST DEPARTMENT

Trust Funds Invested	$159,680.70
Cash Balance for Distribution	21,798.55
	$181,479.25

A STRONG BANK IS A COMMUNITY ASSET

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LEECHBURG

WITH TRUST DEPARTMENT

Banking

Leechburg's largest financial institution is the First National Bank, organized June 26, 1900 with capital of $25,000. It is half as old as Leechburg itself, so is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year.

It has had but two presidents—Capt. Alfred Hicks from 1900 until 1916 and his son, Lewis.

The first officers were elected June 28, 1900—being Capt. Hicks, president; Charles F. Armstrong, cashier; George W. Thompson, S. Nelson Hicks, John R. Long on the board of directors.

The bank didn't open for business until Sept. 18, 1900 because banking rooms had to be established. The bank has always been in the same location in Market St.

In its first 25 years, according to a statement of business issued April 6, 1925, resources had reached a total of more than two million dollars — actually $2,333,209.38 and the capital stock had increased to $125,000, what it is today.

It reached its first million dollars in deposits in 1916 and the first Christmas Savings Club was opened in 1912. This club now runs about $100,000 in Christmas Savings Checks annually.

The bank has its first early records, when bookkeeping was done by hand on long ledgers. Some of these ledgers went through the 1936 flood, when the bank had 13 inches of water on its main floor, but were all preserved.

The capital of the bank was increased to $50,000 in 1903 and to $125,000 in 1922. It has 4500 savings accounts. The first vault in the old bank building was put in and made secure with T-rails and concrete. Now there is a modern time-lock vault.

One of the early pieces of bank equipment was a "counting" machine purchased in 1902 for $375. Time was when there were more silver dollars in and out of the bank than now and when the mill used to pay with gold. A man once went into the bank, completed the transaction for purchasing a farm, paying for it with $2500 in bills, counted from the pages of a book.

The bank grew steadily through the years, is still growing. In 1929 new and larger quarters had to be built—the result is the handsome, modern bank building of today.

While the new bank was being built, the banking business continued from what is a grocery store today, next to Penn-Lee Hotel. A steel grating was put over a side entrance. Now the bank has twice the space of the old building, with second floor being occupied by offices of Hicks Mining Interests and there is a modern, electric elevator to that floor.

In 50 years it has had but four cashiers—Mr. Armstrong from 1900 to 1906; Charles J. Nieman, 1906-1916; Charles Zimmers, 1916-1935 and F. E. Bash, cashier since 1935.

The new banking quarters cost $130,000—considerably less than such a building could be constructed for today. Financial statements show the bank's resources now are more than $10,000,000. And, in addition to regular banking facilities, there is a trust department with two officers in charge. Bank personnel is now 12.

In January, 1950 the stockholders elected Mr. Hicks president; C. J. Nieman, H. E. Bruce and W. A. Hicks, vice presidents; F. E. Bash, vice president and cashier; H. G. Sterling, assistant cashier; Audrey West, assistant cashier; G. E. Hild, assistant cashier; Daniel

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Favero Private Bank

In 1912 the late Anthony Favero established the Favero Private Bank at 206 Market St., conducted in rooms of the Leechburg Furniture Co.

Its banking privileges are granted by the Pennsylvania State Secretary of Banking and is operated under the provisions of the Department Banking Code.

It originated for use in making foreign exchange of monies in connection with a steamship agency which Mr. Favero conducted. Total assets of the bank, according to its last published statement in December, 1949 was $116,114.95 of which $108, 991.17 was deposits.

The partnership now is in the hands of Bartholomew and Domenic Favero and their respective wives, Edna and Stella K. Favero, as partners.

But the days of banking, which has close ties with the people of this town, go back to the coming of industry and gas lights.

Leechburg Banking Company

In January, 1873 the first bank opened under the name of Leechburg Banking Co., H. K. McKallip was president; Joseph G. Beale, vice president; Daniel Bowers, cashier—with Alexander Gordon, T. J. Burchfield, L. S. McKallip, John Hill, Dr. R. P. Hunter, Mr. McKallip, Mr. Beale and Mr. Bowers the directors.

It was on the first floor of the building where Service Book Store is, while offices of the Leechburg Advance were on the second. You climbed three steps from the street level into the bank.

John Hill, who died in 1900, was one of the leading figures in this bank, becoming cashier when Mr. Bowers died in 1878. In the great fire of 1889 the bank building burned and a new brick structure was built. The bank closed in 1908.

Farmers National Bank

And in the same year—1908—the Farmers National Bank opened. First deposit was made Dec. 11, 1908. Officers and directors then were W. F. Hill, president; J. D. Flude, vice president; J. A. Schwab, vice president; C. F. Armstrong, cashier and A. H. Beale; J. H. Parks, P. A. McCracken and George Hunger.

It continued until October, 1931 when this country's financial structure was changing. Officers voted to close. A receiver was appointed and depositors received about 90 per cent of their deposits.

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Read by more than 6,500 readers weekly, its circulation extends to 29 states and several foreign countries. It is the town's most widely and thoroughly read publication. Three generations of the Wray family have played a role in the town's "Fourth Estate," Hiram H. Wray having been editor of the town's first paper, "The Enterprise," originally established in 1873. He assumed ownership of the "Advance" in 1901 and upon his death in 1910, his son, Stanley M. Wray, present publisher, became editor. In 1946, Joseph H. Wray, son of S. M. Wray, became associated with the publication as managing editor.

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First newspaper to be published was the Leechburg Enterprise, a monthly publication, first appearing in February, 1873, J. T. Robertson, editor. In 1875 it was purchased by the late H. H. Wray. Five years later he sold out to Charles A. Hill.

In October, 1885 the Leechburg News appeared with Gorman and King proprietors. In the same year, Hill sold to John M. Schwalm. The name of the paper was changed to Leechburg Albatross with Schwalm editor. But after a short time he sold his interest to F. W. Elrick.

In September, 1886, Elrick assumed full control and in December of the same year founded the Leechburg Advance, composed of the following stockholders:

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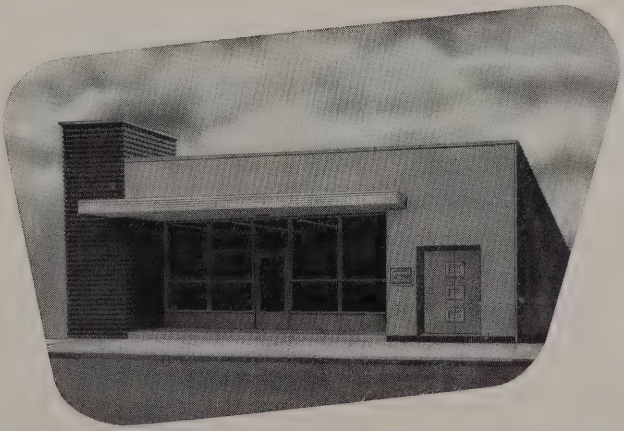

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In December, 1887, Edward Hill, son of John Hill, purchased the paper and assumed the editorship. He later sold to D. K. Hill and in January, 1901 the late H. H. Wray, a former owner and father of the present owner, bought the entire plant and became editor until his death in March, 1919, when his son, Stanley M. Wray, became editor and owner and under whose guidance the Advance is now published.

A member of the third generation of the Wray family, Joseph H. Wray is now associated with his father as managing editor of the paper.

In the 77 years, the newspaper of Leechburg has assumed various shapes and sizes—some in pamphlet form; some one page and others four and eight pages.

There were three other short-lived publications in Leechburg, namely The Clipper, the Three States and the Leechburg Record. In the field of daily newspapers, the Tarentum Valley Daily News, Vandergrift News and Pittsburgh newspapers circulate here.

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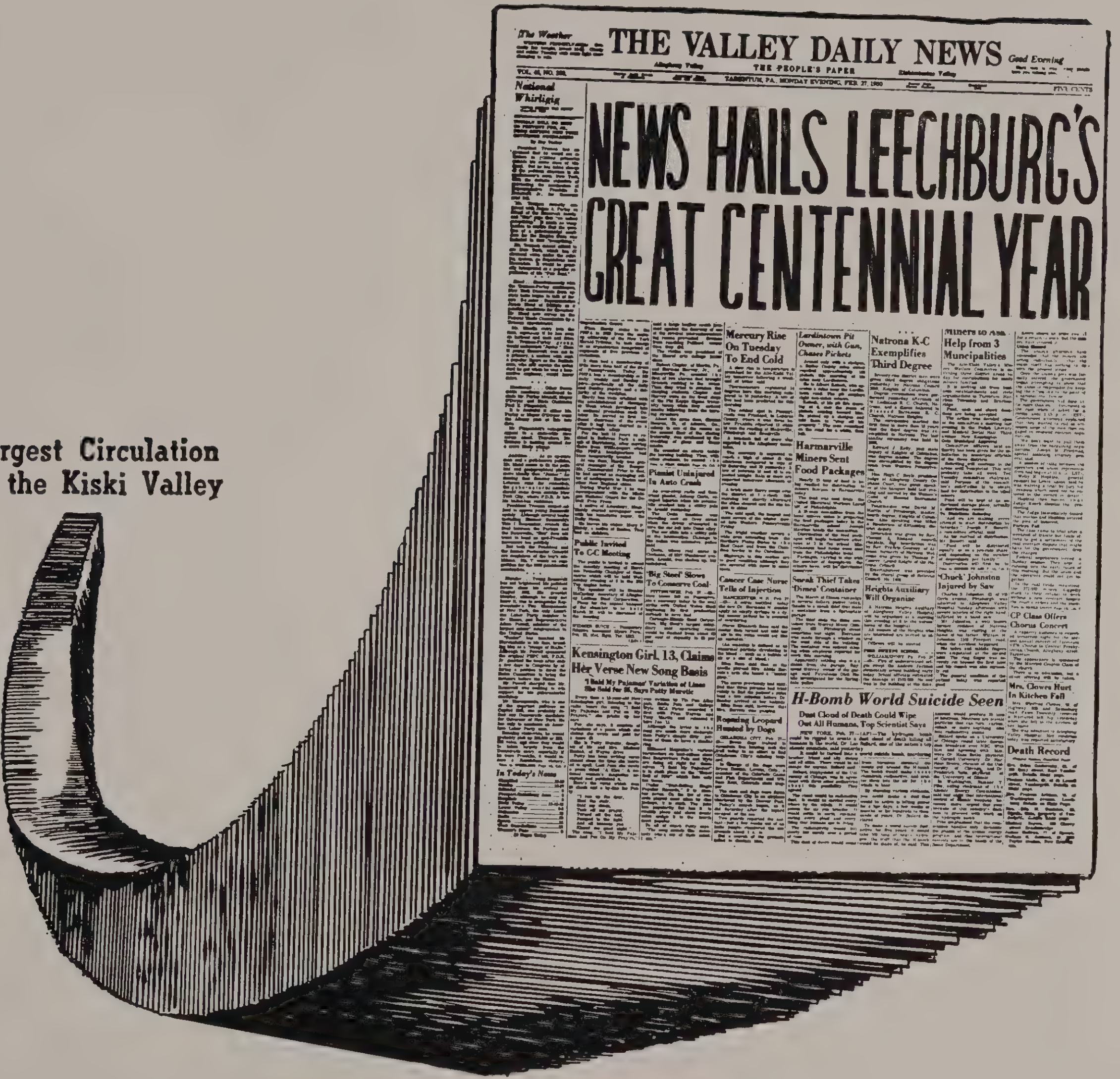
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Hicks Opens the Valley

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Men like Capt. Alfred Hicks; subsequently his son, Lewis W. Hicks, present head of Hicks Mining Interests.

Their names have been synonomous with the word economy in this valley.

Capt. Hicks was born July 21, 1841 near Cardiff in Wales. His father, Nelson, was of a family of iron workers. In 1842 they came to America, settling in Duncansville.

His first job was in the iron business with his father. He was working in an iron works in Milesburg (Centre County) when he walked off the job and into the Civil War in which he rose from Private to Captain, later brevited a Colonel.

Three days after enlisting he wrote his parents he thought it better to go without first seeing them and declaring that to him the war meant:

"It is country or no country."

He was in Ford's theater, Washington, the night Abraham Lincoln was shot.

Lewis Hicks recalls today his father telling him:

"I was one of the first on the stage (seeking the assassin, John Wilkes Booth). I was in Civilian clothes and was arrested. I was able to prove my identity by taking police to the Willard Hotel and showing them my uniform and credentials."

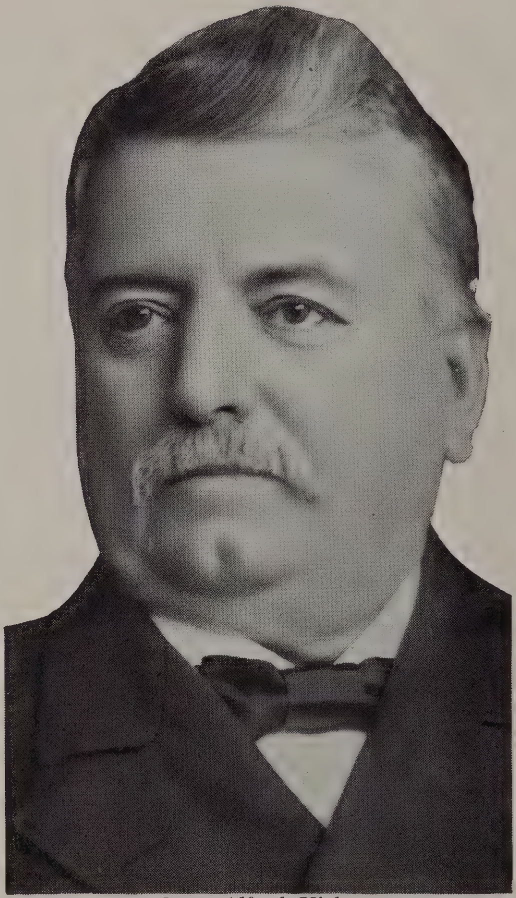
After the war he was conductor 10 years on the Pennsylvania Railroad—two years on the Pittsburgh Division; eight on the Western Pennsylvania Division. Then he became station agent in Leechburg seven years.

Mr. Hicks remembers his father got $15 monthly in that job for selling tickets plus a percentage on all freight packages—sometimes averaging $200 monthly, big money in those days. There was a complaint he was making too much money, so he was put on a monthly salary of $125. Leechburg was a fourth class station then.

From this he got into the coal business, opening his first "East-End" mine near the railroad tunnel on the John Trout farm which, Lewis Hicks says his father could have bought for $7000 or $8000 but paid instead about $40,000 in royalties for the coal.

Capt. Hicks' second coal holdings were on 600 acres at Bagdad. He was largely instrumental, too in getting the first water through mains in Leechburg streets.

His son now recalls he made collections—that folks wouldn't buy the water at first, so he sometimes collected but $14 for three months—from all over town. Water wasn't metered then.


Capt. Alfred Hicks

Poor families could buy homes through the Leechburg Bldg. & Loan Assn. Capt. Hicks helped organize. In 1889 Mr. Hicks bought 900 acres of "Dutch Flats" and founded the town of Avonmore. A natural gas belt ran through that country, too, and he was instrumental in having the first rolling mill and a window glass works come to Avonmore.

When the Pennsylvania Railroad wanted to keep its railroad line on the Westmoreland side of the river, he went to Philadelphia and convinced railroad officials it would be better to run the railroad through Leechburg.

Then branching out into steel and iron manufacturing and banking, he turned coal mining over to his son, Lewis.

Capt. Hicks once was Democrat Burgess of Leechburg, when the town was nominally Republican. After the Johnstown Flood, he got 150 men and personally led them into reconstruction work there.

He became one of the largest coal operators in Pennsylvania; was president of old Allegheny Steel & Iron Co. and Interstate Steel Co., with controlling interest in both; president not only of First National Bank in Leechburg, but the First National Bank in Natrona and Tarentum Savings & Trust Co. and was a director of Third National Bank of Pittsburgh and the Continental Trust Co.

LEWIS W. HICKS

He died in 1916.

The Century Cyclopaedia of History and Biography of Pennsylvania said of him:

"Alfred Hicks has done more to enlist outside capital and develop the resources of the Kiski Valley than any other man in Armstrong or Westmoreland County."

Lewis Hicks was born in Blairsville Jan. 16, 1871 but came to Leechburg in 1874, crossing into town on a ferry boat, for the old bridge had been washed away.

Leechburg then had 1200 people—no paved streets or sidewalks. He went to the Old Academy and other public schools and the family once lived in a double house in Market St. where Long's store is.

Mr. Hicks' first job was delivery boy for his father's general merchandising store—driving sometimes a horse and wagon; other times a mule and wagon.

He recalls his father had a mule that was gentle enough otherwise, but wouldn't go near a mine. He also recalls his early days in town, when the gas mains were not underground, but run along the top of the street, with 100 pounds pressure and you could heat your house for about $1.25 monthly.

And when Market St. was plenty muddy, with horses and wagons hauling heavy steel in and out of the mills. Also of seeing Hiram McCreary haul charcoal into the iron mills in a wagon twice as big as a hay wagon.

In 1900 while his father was in Mexico on vacation, Lewis Hicks started the First National Bank with $25,000 capital. The Leechburg Banking Co., he recalls, was charging very high interest. The new bank had a little thin safe in the middle of a storeroom. They kept a night watchman over it.

Capt. Hicks was made president of the bank but didn't know it for a couple of months—until his return from Mexico.

Lewis Hicks recalls, too, that in hammering out ingots in the mills, the concussion would break dishes in cupboards. And William Gillen—a super salesman who went to Washington for Rogers & Burchfield and wanted the government to pay them a royalty on all gas found in United States—because of the early gas find here.

He remembers also James B. Smail, once Burgess of Leechburg, who was a boyhood pal in Missouri of Jesse and Frank James and Younger boys, outlaws.

Mr. Hicks graduated from his father's store into his father's mines in Avonmore—the Avonmore Coal & Coke Co.—as weighmaster and car trimmer. He was 17 then. At 19 he was superintendent of the Avonmore mine and thereafter actively engaged in the management of his father's mining interests.

He recalls he did his own "batching" in Avonmore but was married at 22 to Anna Orr Armstrong of

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He had two sons, Wenman Armstrong Hicks, now associated with his father; and Lewis Wenman Hicks, Jr., who was struck by lightning and killed at Longue Vue Country Club Sept. 4, 1937.

In 1916 he succeeded his father as President of First National Bank; he's the only survivor of the original group which organized West Leechburg Steel Co. and the group which organized Allegheny Steel & Iron Co. —now Allegheny Ludlum.

At one time Mr. Hicks was interested in the Belmont Coal Mining Co. and East Palestine Coal Co. in Ohio where the coal is now exhausted.

He was a director in Tarentum Savings & Trust Co. and Third National Bank, Pittsburgh—neither now operating. He is honorary vice president and director, Allegheny Ludlum; treasurer and trustee, East Liberty Presbyterian Church; trustee of Western Theological Seminary and Grove City College; director of Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh; vice president and director, East Broad Top Railroad Co.

He's a member of Duquesne Club; Pittsburgh Athletic Assn.; Longue Vue, Hillcrest, Oakmont and Brackenridge Heights Country Club. His father was an Original Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of United States and through him both L. W. Hicks and his son, Wenman, are companions in this Order.

And he knows Leechburg has made extensive progress since those days when the only town light was the big blow on top of one gas pipe—gas that sometimes blew 50 feet in height, to frighten everyone—or roar off in the opposite direction—depending upon which way the wind was blowing

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The Hyde Park Co. was organized in May, 1893 with J. M. Crosby, president; J. D. Orr, secretary and Joseph G. Beale, treasurer. Later Crosby and Orr owned the company outright—with, at one time, 2000 acres of gas territory.

The Pine Run and Hyde Park companies later merged into Leechburg Light & Fuel Co. It ran until 1903 when the American Natural Gas Co. took over. In 1925 the Columbia Natural Gas Co. bought it to be succeeded in 1938 by the present owner—Peoples Natural Gas Co.

Leechburg Water Works Co. dug the first water lines on April 30, 1888, guaranteeing to install (and did) 20 fire plugs. This company was chartered in Dec. 1887 with J. C. Kirkpatrick, Alfred Hicks, M. M. Wilson, George R. Stewart and J. W. Kirkpatrick charter members.

First water was turned into homes July 1, 1888. This company was taken over by the present supplier—Vandergrift Water Co.

In 1893—on July 11—the Central District and Printing Telegraph Co. began sending messages out of Leechburg over wires. Western Union operates it now.

For a year—from 1894 until Nov. 1895 — R. B. Hutchinson was the supplier of electric light when his business was absorbed by the Leechburg Light and Power Co.

The incorporators of the Leechburg company were Dr. J. D. Orr, J. M. Anderson and C. A. Long of Leechburg and W. W. Staub, E. S. Corbett and E. F. Austin of Pittsburgh. They had $16,000 capital stock.

In 1899 a steam power station was built in Canal St. where Andrew Papp's garage is today. In 1902 the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley Railway Co. bought the Leechburg Light and Power Co. and in the same year began running trolley cars between Leechburg and Apollo. Dr. J. D. Orr and others organized the street car company.

This company went into receivership in 1909 and a year later George M. Hosack bought it up.

Late in 1910 the Kiskiminetas Valley Electric Co. was formed to take over most all light, trolley and power companies between Apollo and Leechburg. In 1911 it all became part of West Penn Traction Co.,

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which then was operating extensively in Western Pennsylvania.

This continued until 1916 when it all became West Penn Power Co., present supplier.

However, the old trolley line went out after the 1936 St. Patrick's Day flood and buses by the Penn Transit Co. run between Leechburg, Vandergrift and Apollo.

The Gossip Line

For this is what telephones first were called. Bell Telephone Co. put in first phones. The office was in the Smail Bldg. in Second St., second floor. In 1900 a small phone company was organized in Leechburg.

It ran seven years until the Rural Valley Telephone Co., Cowanshannock Telephone Co., Dayton Telephone Co., Armstrong Telephone Co. and Apollo Telephone Co. were merged into Kittanning Telephone Co. The latter has the franchise now.

At the merger each of the local companies had about 100 telephone subscribers. In 1908, the Leechburg telephone office was on Second St., above the present Edelweis Grill. Later it moved to the present location in Center Ave.

In 1925 the Kittanning Co. took over all the Bell system in Armstrong County. In 1908 Leechburg had 140 telephones. Twenty-one years later it had jumped to 1220 and at the end of 1949 there were 2630.

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Leechburg has seen the whole evolution of transportation—canoe, canal, ferry, ox team, horses, wagons, buggies, autos, trolleys, buses, the coming of the first railroad, freight by highway and through the air.

The canal had carried Pennsylvania freight from the east to the west. It was the big boost to salt refiners. Traffic began on the canal in 1829, the beginning of heavy volume of goods transported out of Leechburg. The canal was abandoned in 1865.

In the fall of 1863 the first passenger train on the Conemaugh Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was run between Blairsville and Saltsburg, crossing the old, high wooden bridge there. Rush Hawkins was the conductor of that first train; J. M. Ringle the engineman.

A year later the road opened between Blairsville and Allegheny Junction, now Kiski Junction. On Aug. 1, 1865 the Pennsylvania Railroad, having sold the old Canal right of way to the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Co., began work on the railroad into Pittsburgh, known as the Pittsburgh branch. It ran from Freeport into Old Allegheny City, being completed Dec. 1, 1866.

In 1901 a railroad branch was built from Butler Junction near Freeport to Butler. I. M. Craig of Blairsville was construction superintendent and Patrick McConigal the foreman. As in building the canal, the railroad builders were Scotch and Irish.

It was the West Penn Road that came through the borough of Leechburg in 1887, crossing the river from Westmoreland County a half mile west of town and recrossing at the east end. Some of the track remains. In 1895, George W. Thompson was the station agent.

But in 1878, a ferry was established at Schenley, making a better connection between the settlement of Schenley and Freeport. It was just above where the old canal aqueduct was, where for many years the piers still stood.

J. E. Harrison, Joseph G. Beale, H. H. Wray, D. B. Ashbaugh and John M. Schwalm were the Leechburg investors in that ferry company. James Kelly, a noted fisherman and canal boatman of Saltsburg, was the first ferryman; Silas Eackman of Freeport the second one.

Then in 1888, the Pennsylvania Railroad constructed a branch line from Leechburg to Schenley, connecting with the Allegheny Valley Railroad, opening up the coal fields of Gilpin Twp.

Trolleys ran between Apollo and Leechburg for 34 years while the present bus line between New Kensington, Leechburg and Kittanning, operated by Penn Transit Co., first were established by the Leechburg and New Kensington Transportation Co. (the old L & N) of which Dr. S. J. McMains was one of the owners. That company organized in 1922.

Truck transportation came into its own field in the past 30 years, when the horse and buggy went out. With better highways, necessity for fast delivery

A rainy night scene on Market Street in 1950.

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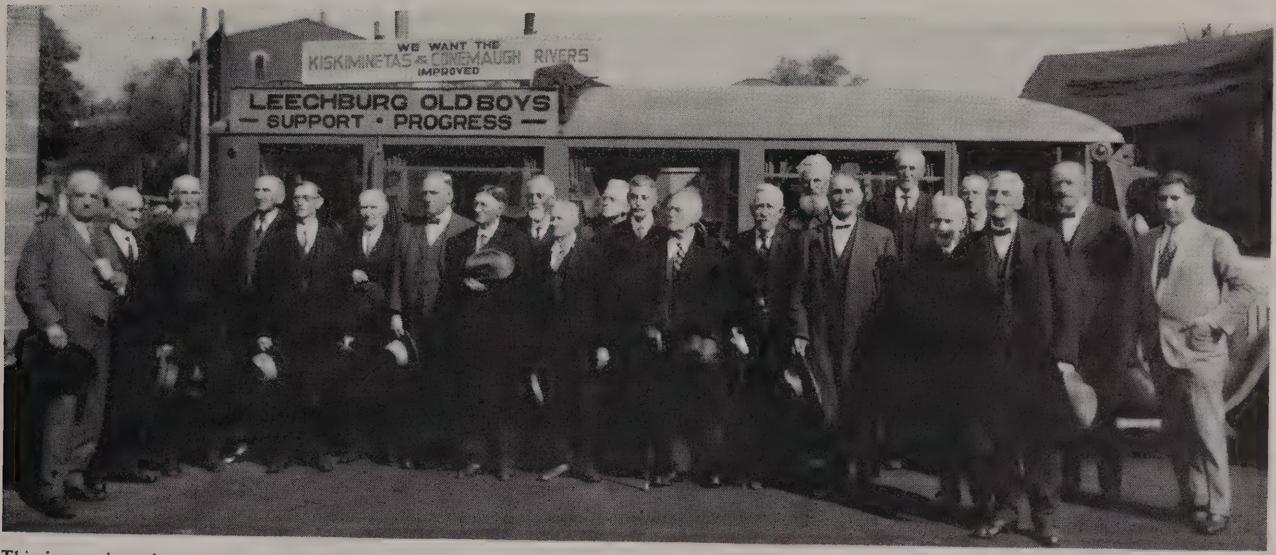
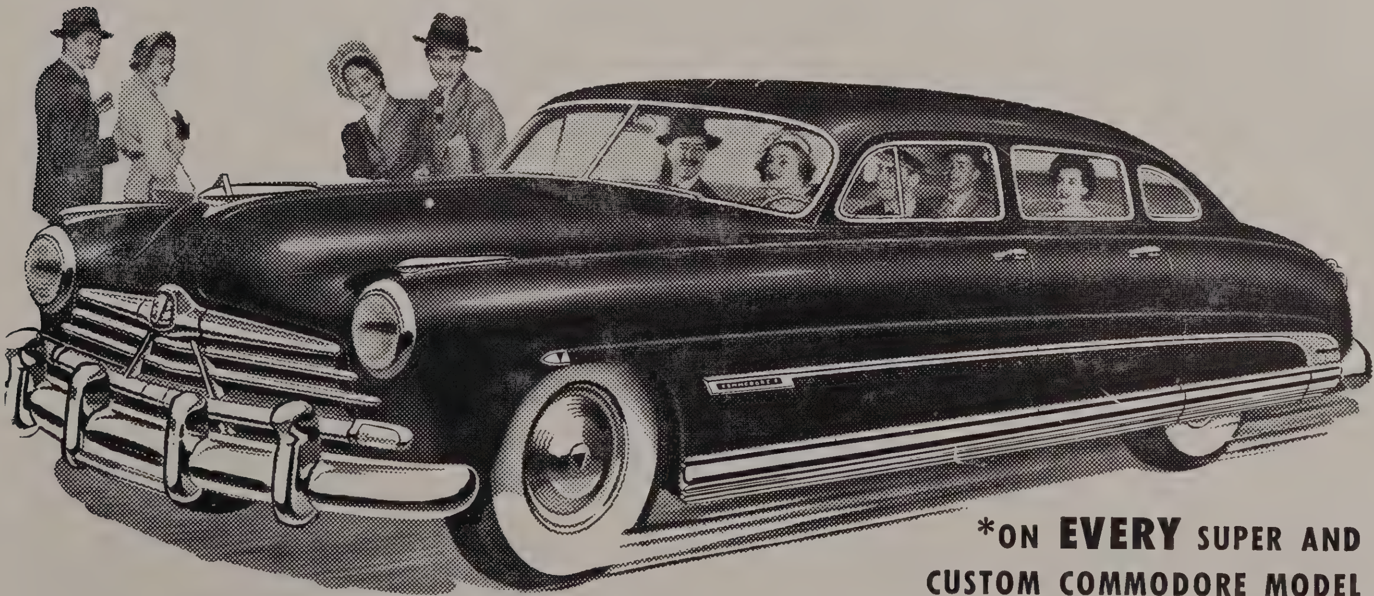


This interesting picture was taken October 22, 1927 of 22 old citizens who were guests of the L & N Transportation Company, at the opening of three roads leading into Leechburg. Following each name, we give you their ages which totaled 1600 years. From left to right they are Dr. S. J. McMains, 61, secretary and treasurer of the hose company; Rev. John McCracken, 77; Zack Shaner, 77; Samuel Yingst, 78; Frank Truxell, 72; A. L. Adams, 79; J. A. Bowers, 59; G. M. Riggle, 71; John Schall, 88; Jacob Obourne, 81; F. V. Shepard, 88; George Groves, 70; J. G. Anderson, 80; Man from Apollo, 82; Isiah Dunmire, 78; Frank Carnahan, 67; Alex Ashbaugh, 78; S. J. Murphy, 71; James F. Millen, 71; Henry Zimmerman, 72; John Schafer, 68 and director of the bus company; Nick Lenhart, 32, bus driver.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It's good, every once in a while, to stop and take stock of things; sort of step back and look over our accomplishments and intentions. Sometimes we get going at such a pace we don't always realize where we're headed, or why. What's more, we too often forget those things that helped us get where we are.

This is a good time to pause, for a moment, to consider some of the things that have helped Leechburg along the highway of progress during the past one hundred years, then look ahead to see where we're going.

When this city was founded, the horse and wagon were our chief means of communication with each other and our neighbors in surrounding communities. We raised our own food and got along pretty well on our own, in most respects. But we grew, along with the rest of this great Nation of ours, and our progress was continuously marked by closer ties with other towns and cities, other people and their lives. As we moved ahead, maybe we didn't realize just what was carrying us along—because we took things for granted, just as we do today.

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- the gasoline which propels our automobiles is delivered from the refinery, tank car or pipe lines to service stations by truck.
- the sand, gravel, lumber, bricks, pipes plumbing for our new homes and buildings arrives by truck.

Leechburg itself has direct motor truck service to more than half the states of this country. Yes—the trucking industry is a vital part of our life today; it takes its rightful place of importance in our progress.

While looking ahead, we become more certain that this wonderful transportation miracle, which has been so necessary to our past progress, will play an even more important part in our future. Continued advancement in the motor truck industry is demanded by business, industry and the public who appreciate its contribution to a higher standard of living. Just as the continued progress of Leechburg and this Nation is dependent, in part, on the motor truck industry, so the progress of that industry is dependent upon forward looking legislation and a fair minded public.

Let's look at things as they are; then plan ahead for a better Leechburg and a better America, served by a greater motor truck industry.

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service, both of retail merchandise and moving of raw products in and finished products out of the mills, trucking has become an important transportation item in Leechburg.

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In the history of transportation in the past 100 years, Leechburg well remembers the fight carried on by the Kiski Valley Improvement Assn., seeking to make the Kiski River navigable from Saltsburg to Freeport. This was a project of Leechburgers, in which the late Dr. S. J. McMains was a leading figure, back in the 1920's and early '30's.

It had its impetus in the fact that a steamboat did once come to Leechburg.

That was Friday, May 18, 1838. The steamboat was the "New Castle." It came to Leechburg because of a washout in the canal at Freeport. About 75 passengers were on the boat when it landed here. It returned to Pittsburgh the same day, with 150 passengers.

The big dam that David Leech built, prevented the steamboat from going on up the Kiski. But it did show, as Dr. McMains used to say in speeches, that a big boat could sail on the Kiski.

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High weeds conceal what's left of it now. For years it was grown over with a blackberry patch. When built, however, it was all of stone, huge blocks of it (made to stand for years of wear) being quarried out of nearby hillsides, while some was brought in from other districts.

It was abandoned after 1904, when the railroad route was changed and the grade lowered.

Construction of it began in 1859 and it took a little better than seven years to build. When completed in 1865, the employes of the construction company presented a gold headed cane, suitably inscribed, to Robert B. Campbell, the superintendent of construction work.

The latter's grandson, Robert Campbell Maher, now living in Main St., has this cane in his possession.

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One of the first Lutheran ministers in all this Kiski Valley was the Rev. Jacob Zimmerman.

He kept a diary, replete with his comings and goings, the funerals conducted, the marriage ceremonies, the days on which he did or didn't preach.

The diary covers a 58-year span of his life, from 1841 to 1899. He was the son of Daniel Zimmerman, a tailor, who came to Allegheny Twp. in 1830. The diary of the minister is now in possession of his grandson, John D. Zimmerman.

And what a history is recorded there.

Before there was a Lutheran congregation in Leechburg, there still was preaching in schools or homes. Rev. Zimmerman reports as of Feb. 10, 1843:

"An entire failure. Not a member of the congregation attended, not even one of the church council. The house was locked and there was no one to unlock. The day was very cold and I think the hearts of the members just as cold toward religion, their best interests and their Saviour God."

And he penciled a bit of postscript with the hope they might attain the Love of God and then they wouldn't be so careless towards the church.

There's a notation about the funeral of one Michael Kistler Sr. at Hill's congregation then in Export in which Rev. Zimmerman says:

" . . . he left a wife and 14 children to mourn the bereavement; his first wife and nine children had gone before him to a long eternity."

And on May 18, 1846 he visited another church and reported:

"When I came to the church there were but few there, the roof was not yet on and it was a very wet day, therefore no preaching."

Again on Oct. 31 in the same year, he again visited the same church but wrote:

"On account of the inclement weather and no stove having been put up in the church I did not preach."

Those were the days, too, when sermons were an hour long!

Rev. Zimmerman had his shortcomings, too, for he wrote on July 27, 1845 that he had delivered an address to a Sunday School and found it "anything but praiseworthy."

On June 28, 1846, he said there was a meeting of his church council in order to raise his salary—but there was nothing done. Once he couldn't reach a church—his horse was lame, but he didn't discover it until ready to leave.

On July 15, 1849, Rev. Zimmerman resigned from the Boiling Springs Church and he wrote:

"Preached a valedictory sermon; showed the congregation what is necessary to the prosperity of a congregation. Having preached eight years in this congregation, the reason why I quit is this — they never as a congregation paid me for my labor."

It had been Rev. Zimmerman's custom to visit the Boiling Springs community (now Spring Church) every four weeks and to preach in German and English on the same day.

Daniel Zimmerman also kept a daybook of his work as tailor. It is now in John Zimmerman's possession.

It shows he made a woman's dress for $3, a straight fine blue broadcloth for $2.75, a silk dress for 75 cents; cutting out a pair of pants for 15 cents and making a vest for 75 cents.

Not all of his work was paid in cash, however. There are records showing he could count on a day's reaping, for some of his tailoring; a half bushel of salt, or two bushels of wheat, three pounds of butter, one ham, a day's hauling, a day's plowing, a bushel of potatoes, then retailing at 33 cents or 45 bushels of coal at $1.35—for the 45 bushels.

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The Call To Church

There is on the edge of Pittsburgh a borough called Wilkinsburg, most often called "The Holy City" because of 18 churches.

Leechburg, with 15, is a close second. Folks in this area are God-fearing people. In the days when a town was being hewn out of the wilderness, there was church —in the outdoors—with sermons an hour and a half long.

The first of the Presbyterians to come to this town once rode horseback, seven miles to church in Freeport. Then, step by step, stone by stone, came the building of churches.

Likewise, Leechburg churches are known for long-time pastorates.

Hebron Lutheran

This church had its beginnings in three other churches—a long one on the Westmoreland side of the river on an acre grant from Jacob Klingensmith; another the "Brick Church" on Lone Hill called Salem Congregation and third, a group of Lutherans who worshipped in a school, just north of where the Methodist Church stands.

Hebron was formally organized July 17, 1842—the council consisting of John Wanamaker, George Kepple, David Kuhns and Jacob Hill. Rev. Jacob Zimmerman was pastor. For two years services were in the school house.

The Rev. David Earhart, young licensed pastor of East Ohio Synod came in 1844. On March 9, 1845 it was voted to build a church. Jacob Hill, David Kuhns and Daniel Hill, on the building committee, let the contract to George Kline, a member of the church.

For $1,150 he built the church, furnished pews, pulpit and other equipment. It stood near where Second St. meets Center Ave. Membership was then 300.

Hebron Lutheran Church

The Academy was a first enterprise of this new church—with students from Indiana, Wheeling, Pittsburgh in addition to Leechburg. Rev. Earhart remained until 1853. Rev. George Ehrenfeld supplied until the call of the Rev. John W. Cregolo who died a few weeks later. The church call then was to Rev. Lewis Kuhns, a son of the church who became a tower of strength in Hebron.

Rev. Johnathan Sarver was pastor in 1866 but left to form what is now First Lutheran and Rev. H. H. Hall came to Hebron, serving until 1870. Rev. Francis T. Hoover was pastor 11 years and Rev. Lewis Hay five years when Rev. John W. Poffinberger was chosen in 1885.

He remained until 1897 and in his time the present church and parsonage were built. The cornerstone was laid Oct. 20, 1887 and the church of brick and stone, costing $18,000, dedicated Sept. 9, 1888—free of debt.

The Rev. J. C. N. Park came in 1897 and in 1900 he and others withdrew to form Grace Lutheran Church. Then to Hebron came Dr. George M. Heindel who began rebuilding the church's prosperity until the coming of Dr. E. E. Blint in 1905 who was to remain 25 years to build the church to 724 members.

The Rev. George E. Bowersox, present pastor, was installed 20 years ago—in 1930. Earl Bash is president of Church Council; Merril Hilty, secretary with Elders Eugene McCormack, Walter Stull, Sr., Joseph Preto, William Bollinger, Sr. and Deacons—Robert Gosser, Edward Laine, Blair Schall, Lloyd Peterman, John L. Gosser Jr. and Dr. Courtney C. Bischoff.

First Presbyterian

Those early horseback-riding Presbyterians by subscription in 1843, arranged for the Rev. Samuel Caldwell of Freeport to preach occasionally in Leechburg. Then they petitioned Blairsville Presbytery for a Leechburg church.

A committee of Revs. David Kirkpatrick, Levi Graves and Watson Hughes and Elders John Christy, Joseph Paul and William Jones organized First Presbyterian Church here Wednesday, April 24, 1844, in David Leech's one-room school on the lot where the Episcopal Church is now.

Alexander Gordon, Sarah E. Gordon, William Moore, Mary Moore, Margaret Anderson, Hanna

Metzler, Elizabeth Bone, Mary Klingensmith, Joshua Cooper, Sarah Anna Cooper, Eliza Wingard and Anna Hawk were the 12 organizational members.

Rev. Caldwell, first minister, gave Leechburg a third of his time, resigning in 1845. A Rev. Graves supplied until 1846, followed by Thomas Black, Pittsburgh seminary student, who preached for six months—until his death. Rev. Watson Hughes and students William Kean and Andrew McIlwain preached three months each.

Services then were in the new Main St. school—site of the home now of the late Mrs. Lee Randol. Later services were in the Lutheran Church, opposite the home of the late P. A. McCracken. Late in 1850—after Leechburg's incorporation—the Rev. Thomas Leason became first regular pastor until 1858.

The original, one-story brick church was on a lot donated by David Leech and cost $1,500. It was dedicated Nov. 30, 1851. In 20 years but $1,000 was spent for a new roof, furnace and other repairs.

In 1859 Rev. James E. Caruthers became pastor and on the session were Samuel Crosby, Theodore Noble, John Paul, Joshua Anderson, James Bratton Parks and William Fitzgerald.

First trustees responsible for collections were J. B. Parks, William Cochran, John B. Anderson, John S. Bole, H. W. Shattuck and J. R. Parr. In April, 1872 collections were $584; pastor's salary $350 and there were 130 communicants.

D. H. Sloan, principal of Slate Lick Classical Institute, followed Rev. Caruthers in 1871. He was to stay six months. He returned in ill health in 1896.

But in that time a second church was built and dedicated free of debt on April 25, 1882. Alexander Gordon purchased extra ground for it from John Young for $400 and gave it to the church property. A. J. Elliott built the church.

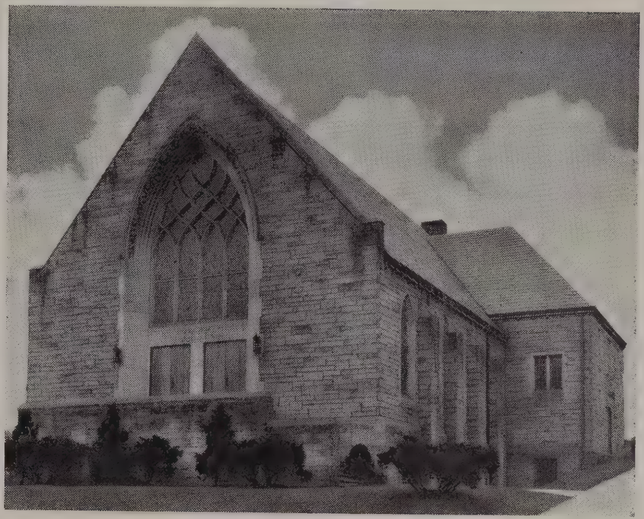
Mr. Gordon was song-leader from 1843 until 1851 when choirs organized under James Bratton Parks, A. S. Horne, William James, Henry Hawk and J. S. Brown. For 39 years—from 1879 until his death in 1918—Jacob H. Parks (J. B.'s son) was choir director. Miss Mattie Crosby was first organist—on a new reed purchased in 1876.

In 1887 Mrs. D. Carson, Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Mrs. J. F. McCracken, Mrs. T. S. Irwin and Mrs. Alfred Hicks obtained funds for a church bell. Purchased in Baltimore for $397 it was first rung May 6, 1888.

The bell carries this inscription:

"Let the people praise Thee, O God; Let all the people praise Thee."

On Sept. 9, 1885 Joseph G. Beale, Dr. R. P. Hunter, J. H. Parks, Thomas S. Irwin and H. H. Wray applied to Kittanning court and received the church charter.



First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. J. S. Helm was pastor from 1896 until June 1, 1913 in which time the manse was built; a pipe organ installed.

Rev. Albert Shepard served two years—his first after seminary graduation.

The Rev. H. W. Davis came April 1, 1917; died July 31, 1917 while the Rev. J. W. McPhail was installed Nov. 20, 1917. And the Rev. Dr. E. C. Good, present pastor, began May 7, 1923.

The parsonage of this church was built on land donated by Capt. Alfred Hicks and a part of the money to build the home was from a fund left the church by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gordon, two of the original 12 organizational members.

The present imposing stone church (third house of worship to be built in a century) was erected in 1939. Lewis W. Hicks gave $25,000, raised another $10,000 for the building of it and bought the new pipe organ.

On the building committee were J. W. Shadle, H. N.

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The cornerstone was laid Dec. 31, 1939 and the church with auditorium seating 300, balcony, chapel, Sunday School room, Pastor's study, choir room, ladies' parlor and fully equipped kitchen was dedicated Nov. 17, 1940 entirely free of debt.

Into the corner stone were put a Bible, roll of church members, names of officers and pastors, old and new coins, Indian relics from site of first church, a ring worn by Mrs. Margaret Anderson, charter member, roll of charter members, Catechism, church history and copies of Leechburg Advance.

First babies baptized Oct. 5, 1844 were Elizabeth Jane and James Klingensmith; first death was Mrs. Jane Parks, wife of Robert Parks, Oct. 21, 1847 and from this church the following have gone into the ministry:

J. C. McCracken, Thomas B. Anderson, Robert E. Anderson, John McKallip, Jacob Hawk, James Hawk, Edward Knepshield and Thoburn R. R. Stull.

Present membership is 450 and Elders are Z. D. Rankin, Paul Waugaman, Paul Leech, Bernard Allen, E. E. Heilman, Paul Moorhead, John W. Taylor, C. E. Hild, S. J. Cherry, Clyde Waugaman, Wallace Getty and Robert Barrett.

Dr. Good celebrated the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate in 1948 and the congregation, among other gifts, gave he and Mrs. Good a Studebaker automobile.

The First Methodist

John Somerville preached the first Methodist sermon in Leechburg in 1833. A circuit-riding preacher, he had headquarters in Kittanning. In 1839 Thomas McGrath organized the first Methodist class.

It met in the school building until 1845 when a

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small brick church was built on the site of the present church in Main St.

In 1866 it was replaced by a wood structure. Twenty two years later—1888—the present building, costing $17,000, went up. Estimated value of land, equipment and church home now is $75,000.

It was a "circuit" church until assignment of Rev. James M. Swan in 1882. Then the church had 58 members. When Swan left it was 158 and of those 158, Harry S. DeWitt is living, residing at Wayside Inn, Grove City.

The Rev. P. C. Brooks conducted a revival in 1900-1901 and 186 new members were received, many of them still active today. In 1904 the Nelson Hicks property in Grant St. was purchased for a parsonage. The present pipe organ was installed in 1906. It cost $2,500 and of this amount Andrew Carnegie gave $1,000.

In 1907 the basement was excavated and equipped as a social room; the church was incorporated in 1917; the Taylor home and lot was purchased in 1919, the house later moved to the rear of the lot where it stands today.

The Crookshank property (present parsonage) was bought in 1923 and the Grant St. property sold.

The original church property deed of 1851 was conveyed to the following trustees:

Andrew Grinder, John Taylor, John Free, Peter Withington and David M. McJunkin.

As of Oct. 1, 1949 the church had 653 members. The Rev. C. W. Kelley, who compiled this church history, was pastor from 1940 until 1948, when the present pastor, the Rev. Dr. Clarence C. Fisher, took over.

Holy Innocents Protestant Episcopal

First service here goes back to 1857 when Rev. J. H. Hopkins of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, celebrated Holy Communion at Addison Leech's home. Later the Revs. Kilkelly and Hilton of Kittanning and White of Freeport served Episcopalians here.

In 1884, Rev. S. F. Kelley, general missionary, took charge, renting the Baptist church for a year. Mary Lizabeth Cline was the first person Confirmed. At the end of the year, a room was rented in Leechburg Academy. Services were semi-monthly. An early register shows nine persons baptized and seven Confirmed.

Through the interest of Miss Elizabeth Eckman and Mrs. Weiser a church came into being. The corner stone of the church at Siberian Ave. and Second St. was laid in 1887; first service in January, 1889.

The name "Holy Innocents" was chosen in honor of Mrs. Weiser's twin daughters.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church

Fire destroyed this first church building Jan. 3, 1904 but rebuilding began immediately, with services, meanwhile, in Presbyterian Church.

The new church, built on the old foundation, opened Nov. 5, 1913, free of debt. Bishop Whitehead consecrated it. The rectory was built in 1915; the mortgage burned on Easter Sunday in 1924.

On Nov. 23, 1930 the church suffered a great loss

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in the death of Mrs. O. F. Hammar, a generous benefactress of the parish and on May 14, 1933, D. M. Campbell, for many years a lay reader, died. Both he and his wife, Margaretta, who died Jan. 26, 1946, were generous, earnest supporters of Holy Innocents.

The officiating clergy and time of their pastorates are:

Hopkins, Kilkelly and Hilton and White (1857-1883); S. P. Kelley (1885); C. A. Bragdon (1890); George Rodgers (1892); J. H. Barnard (1894); George Gunnel (1895); William Coney (1896); Archdeacon Cole (1897); J. M. V. King (1899); Joseph Baker (1899); A. S. Lewis (1902); Thomas Lloyd (1903); A. W. Keirulff (1907); Clarence E. Ball (1908); Dr. G. A. M. Dyess (1910).

E. J. Norris (1914); Harry Assiter (1919); and E. H. Bauder (1937). The church was without a rector from 1946 to June 1947 when the Rev. LeRoy Hall came and the Rev. Raymond D. Custer has been here since 1948.

Thomas Hodge was the first church warden; Albert Turner and Elizabeth Davidson the first persons married; David Rhys the first baptized and Morillo Weiser the first burial.

First Baptist

Rev. W. C. Harvey organized a branch of Freeport Baptist Church here in 1858. One of the founders was William R. Duff. The organization meeting was in the old school house.

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More regular members were obtained but it wasn't until a meeting in a room of the old Siberian Iron Works May 3, 1875 that an independent organization, under the name First Baptist Church of Leechburg, was formed. The Rev. Lloyd Morgan of Apollo Baptist Church presided at that organization meeting.

Elected Deacons were William R. Duff and William Rogers, Sr. The church adopted the articles of faith from the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. Joseph Clarke was chosen clerk; first treasurer, Mark Guthridge. Shadrock Hadley, John Benjamin, Isaac Miliken, Duff and Rogers were the first trustees.

The church edifice, Third St. and Siberian Ave., was purchased (partly constructed) from Samuel Jack and Son of Apollo for $700 on Feb. 5, 1879.

In 1882 the church belonged to the Clarion Baptist Assn. but this was transferred seven years later to Pittsburgh Baptist Assn.

In 1914, with money from the estate of Elizabeth Trout, a parsonage was built on Third St. In 1944, the church exterior was insulbricked; in 1949 the interior was redecorated and concrete sidewalk put down on Siberian Ave.

In 1925 there was a fiftieth anniversary celebration; a 75th in 1949. The following pastors have served the church:

Revs. Lloyd Morgan (1875-1880); W. A. Barns (1880-85); C. W. Ray (1885-86); H. H. Leamy (1887-91); A. A. Mainwaring (1891-93); Alfred Caldwell (1894-95); J. N. Brannock (1896); T. M. McDermott (1897-1900); C. F. Cornman (1906-09); J. H. Palmer (1910-11); S. J. Cummings (1911-12); Thomas Lambert (1913-14); S. W. Mitchell (1915-19); C. F. Carll (1920-24); E. G. Zwayer (1925-26); J. H. Hanson (1928-30); T. M. Denning (1930-35).

The present pastor, the Rev. Gilbert Heilman, has been pastor since 1936.

St. Catherine's Roman Catholic

This church was established in 1872. The Rev. James McTighe was resident pastor in 1884, serving both Apollo and Leechburg. No church was built until 1887. On June 25 that year, three lots in the Rogers and Burchfield plan were purchased from Kirkpatrick Co., Ltd. On these a small, frame church was constructed.

St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church

Previous pastors have been Fathers J. M. Canova, F. J. Maloney, Owen Kirby, James Pryor, James Walsh and Thomas Glynn.

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in July 1936, after a Chaplaincy in the Navy. He had also been an Army Chaplain with the AEF in World War I.

The little St. Catherine's served until moving into the new and more spacious church in November, 1949. This property was purchased from Allegheny Ludlum Sept. 15, 1944 and that section of land at Second St. and Logan Ave. renamed St. Catherine's Square.

The $180,000 St. Catherine's Church was dedicated Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 24, 1949 by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry Carlin, delegated by Bishop Hugh C. Boyle of the Pittsburgh Diocese.

Architecture is modern, with glass facade topped by a Pieta.

There's a modernistic steeple with electric carillon. The stained glass windows illustrate the Ten Commandments, but the figures are those of present day, instead of traditional figures. The red brick structure has oak pews to seat 600. There are four confessionals and a public address system. Rectory and offices are to the rear of the church.

Assisting Father McNanamy is the Rev. Daniel Brennan since his ordination in 1943, except for a brief period in Coraopolis. Two other assistants, Father John Maher is now at St. Phillips in Crafton and Father Zigmunt Szarnicki in Ambridge.

First Evangelical Lutheran

First Lutheran Church was organized Sept. 4, 1814 in what is now Pleasant Hill cemetery, John Steck, pastor.

First Lutheran Church

Membership dwindled and on March 17, 1860, a resolution was passed for membership in the Leechburg Lutheran congregation—reserving the right to retain identity until it could establish another church.

In 1868 a group of those from the Church on the Hill with conditional membership in Hebron Lutheran, formed a First Lutheran Congregation, laying the corner stone of a new edifice July 16, 1872.

It was on Main St., site of the present church. It had coal oil lamps for night service, straight-backed pews, no cushions.

The old pulpit is the Sunday School Superintendent's desk today.

On Church Council at the time of the first building were James A. Cogley, Winchester Hill, Jacob Kepple,

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Levi McCreary, Michael Spang and Martin Thurnhurst. A frame parsonage was built then, too and was owned by the pastor. When he resigned he sold it to the church.

The name, First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Leechburg, was adopted on motion of Daniel Kepple and the congregation incorporated Dec. 1, 1884.

From 1893 until 1903 there was new church talk. Formal motion to build came in 1903. The corner stone was laid Sept. 20 of that year.

The new church was consecrated Oct. 30, 1904. While it was being built, services were in Kirkpatrick Hall, near Enrico's Furniture Store, Market and Third Sts. today.

Joseph Kepple, J. F. Allshouse, S. D. Kepple, L. N. Bush, W. F. Hill and M. L. Zweisig were on church council for the 1904 building program.

In October 1910, the tower extension and chime of 10 bells was dedicated; the roof tiled and a steam heating plant installed in 1912; the new parsonage built in 1913, on site of the old.

In 1924 a stained glass window was installed in memory of James Shuster and John Keck, killed in World War I.

The 1936 flood filled the basement and upper front portion of the first floor. In April, 1947, Miss Ruth Kepple was commissioned a missionary to Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. Illness forced her return in a year.

The church chimes were electrified and dedicated in 1947 to memory of five sons of the church who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II—Keith

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Three sons of the church became ministers—Jacob Zimmerman, W. Chester Hill and Everett Smail. Also seven sons of its pastors have gone into the ministry—Robert M. Zimmerman, Paul H. Krauss, Luther D. Miller, H. Reed Shepfer, William F. Pfeifer, Jr., Wahl Pfeifer and Edmund Pfeifer.

Church pastors have been:

John Steck (1796-1817); John A. Mohler (1817-23); G. A. Reichert (1824-34); Michael J. Steck (1834-41); Jacob Zimmerman (1841-60); Lewis M. Kuhns (1860-66); Johnathan B. Sarver (1866-83); William J. Miller (1883-94); Elmer F. Krauss (1894-1900); M. L. Zweisig (1901-09); F. A. Reiter (1909-20).

W. H. Shepfer (1921-26); H. T. Neve (1927-29); William F. Pfeifer (1930-39); William F. Pfeifer, Jr. (1940-49).

The present pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Olson, was installed in this centennial year.

United Presbyterian

The Rev. M. M. Patterson of the Puckety Church conducted the first United Presbyterian Church service in Leechburg on a Sabbath in June, 1880, in the Presbyterian Church.

United Presbyterian Church

Three weeks later a second service was in the Baptist Church.

On Jan. 17, 1881, the United Presbyterian Church was formally organized with 26 members. The first year, worship was in the Baptist church. Then for two years in Leechburg Academy.

In 1884 a brick church was built at Second St. and Siberian Ave. In its early years, it received support from the Church's Board of American Missions. First pastor was the Rev. James Dodds, 1884-1887. The Rev. James A. Brandon served a year, 1889 to 1890.

Then came Dr. E. Z. Thomas in 1891 who was to serve until 1915 and in his pastorate the congregation expanded from a mission station to a self-sustaining church.

The fourth pastor, the Rev. J. O. McCown, D.D.,

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came in 1915 and for 30 years he was this church's faithful leader. In 1928 the church plant was remodeled and enlarged to its present form.

The fifth and present pastor, the Rev. Wallace G. McGeoch, began his work in 1946.

Free Methodist

Started in 1892 at a Gospel Tent meeting conducted by the Rev. E. E. Shellhammer and Rev. T. R. Wayne. Later a lot and building was purchased, being dedicated May 31, 1893 by the Rev. M. L. Schoolley.

In 1906 the church was moved to a stone foundation and a parsonage built at the present site, 225 Floral Ave. Oldest member is Mrs. Alice Northrup. She united in May, 1919.

Ministers have been—Revs. Rudolph Stotler, Mary A. Morgan, John N. Grace, L. C. Andre, Oliver Gornell, F. C. Reid, Clarence Wright, J. W. McIntosh, F. W. Boettner, John O'Bryon, L. N. Campbell, T. D. McCleary, G. U. Brown, Rossellette Ullom, Greta Ohman, Julia Shellhammer, C. S. Richardson, Boyd Mayhle, A. G. Previte, J. W. Hampp, R. L. Armstrong, A. S. Morgan.

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Mrs. Snyder is the daughter of Rev. Wayne, one of the founders.

The church has been redecorated; new furnaces and new windows installed; vestibule and sidewalks built, the basement enlarged for more Sunday School space.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran

Was organized July 21, 1900 by Rev. J. C. N. Park. Sunday School was established eight days later.

Worship was in Kirkpatrick Hall until 1902, when the present Church building was completed.

Since 1918 the pastor of Grace Church also serves Bethel Lutheran of Hyde Park. The parsonage, 342 Harrison Ave., was presented the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Holmes George in 1923.

The church has 125 members; the Sunday School 100. On Church Council now are Paul Grine, Delbert Schumaker, Jess McCracken, Nevin Hill, John Fennell and Mike Chikar. Fred E. Hill is congregational treasurer; George J. Beatty Sunday School superintendent.

Grace Lutheran Church

This year the church celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

Pastors have been—J. C. N. Park (1900-06); J. W. Tressler (1906-07); W. Hesse (1907-11); T. A. Himes (1911-20); H. K. Shanor (1920-24); H. A. Seel (1924-27); K. S. Ehrhart (1927-35); L. W. Heilman (1935-36) when the Rev. E. W. Sullivan, present pastor, was installed.

First Hungarian Presbyterian

Was organized Feb. 26, 1911 by the Rev. Andrew Kovacs, then a student in Western Theological Seminary. There were 27 charter members.

In 1913 ground was purchased and church built, the first service on Christmas Eve 1913, with 264 members. A church school was dedicated in 1915. The parsonage at 408 Third St., still used, was bought in 1918. The church was renovated the same year.

After Rev. Kovac's services ended in 1929, the following pastors have served—Stephen E. Balogh (1929-31); Stephen Draskoczy (1931-32); Julius Szathmary (1933-35); Bertalan Szathmary (1935-42); Paul Ferenczy (1944-46); Nicholas C. Curtis (1946-48).

The present pastor, the Rev. Eugene W. Galantai, came March 1, 1949 and next year the church will celebrate 40 years work.

St. Martha's Roman Catholic

This parish was founded in 1911. On May 15 of that year, the Charles F. Armstrong property, 350 Third St., was purchased by Stephen Novotny and Andrew Patrick. Bishop Regis Canevin of Pittsburgh Diocese accepted title and appointed Father Stephen Ulrich first pastor of St. Martha's.

He arrived Sept. 22, 1911. In Nov. 1911 the Leechburg Lumber Co. completed a frame church building—the first church home. It is now the hall of St. Martha's Parish.

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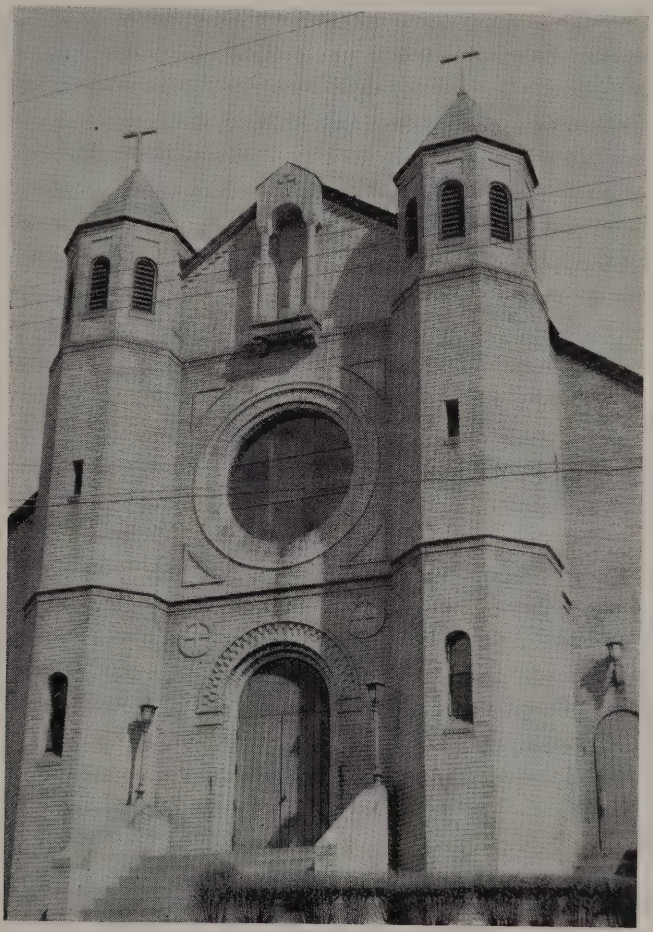

St. Martha's Catholic Church

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Pastors have been, after Father Ulrich — Emil Sloupsky (1915-16); Clement Hrtanek (1916-17); Stephen Morawetz (1917-18); Joseph C. Kunc (1918-19); Leo J. Donnermeyer (1920-23); John Liska (1923-39); and Father Robert A. Hanicak from Aug. 23, 1939 to the present time.

David Luciak was the first to be baptized, Oct. 9, 1911; the first marriage was the same day—Michael Dabczinski and Maria Matz while the first person buried was George Zdina, 8, on Oct. 29, 1911.

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Assumption Catholic, Georgetown

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First pastor was Father Stephen Varga and the others have been Fathers John Rethy, Andrew Korossy, James Olko, Stephen Nyiri, Oliver E. Horvath and John J. Nyeste, now in charge.

Assumption Catholic Church

A number of the charter members are still living.

Second Baptist

The Second Baptist Church grew out of the former Union Springs Church, organized in 1922 by the Rev. P. H. Booker in his home. Services were in Hungarian Hall, Georgetown, for a long time. Then in Banfield, in a building of the old West Leechburg Steel Co.

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Heights Churches. In 1930 Rev. Harris went to Apollo Shiloh Baptist Church.

Second Baptist Church

The present Second Baptist Church was built in 1934; dedicated in 1937. Rev. J. H. Hunter was pastor then. Rev. J. A. Rose of Aliquippa is there now.

Free Magyar Reformed

Was founded March 14, 1926. Thirty were in the first meeting.

The first service was in United Presbyterian Church on Good Friday in 1926. The Rev. Endre Sebestyen was in charge. Sixty-one attended.

Originally the members were with the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. The beginning of the Magyar Reformed Church was in Duquesne, Pa. in 1924. It follows the standards of the Reformed Church of Hungary, which goes back to the Reformation.

Free Magyar Reformed Church

First pastor was the Rev. Dr. Bela Botykos; second Rev. Louis Fazekas. In the depression, the church couldn't support a resident pastor, but services continued under substitute ministers or church members.

Soon after organization, the brick building housing church and parsonage, was bought and cleared of debt in 1947.

On the church council are Stephen Kodobocz, Frank Kupas, Sigmund Bartha, James Mozga, Jr., John Czihat, Samuel Czihat, Matthew Gregor, Sr., Matthew Gregor, Jr., Zoltan Kupas, Andrew Ladik, James Mozga, Sr., Sigmund Nagy, Stephen Palczer, Sr., John Simon, Sr., Stephen Szendrey, Sr., Andrew Takacs, Jr.

There's an active Ladies Aid Society, Mrs. Stephen Palczer, president and a Young Peoples Society of which Rose Mozga is president.

Throughout the community, there is close co-operation among her churches, which is the answer to why Leechburg is a unique church town.

Chief of Chaplains

A boy born in Leechburg, who went through our public schools, attained one of the highest positions in United States—the Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army.

Major General Luther D. Miller recently retired from that high office, after service through the Second World War.

He was born in Leechburg at the time his father, the Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D., was pastor of First Lutheran Church.

After graduation from Leechburg's public schools he attended Thiel College at Greenville, obtaining his ministerial degree at Chicago Theological Seminary in 1917.

In World War II he was in the South Pacific area for 33 months, becoming known to thousands of GI's. In 1945 he was ordered to Washington as Chief of Chaplains, succeeding Maj.-Gen. William R. Arnold.

He was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Gettysburg College in 1948 and it was he who spoke the invocation and prayer at the memorial service in Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day, 1948.

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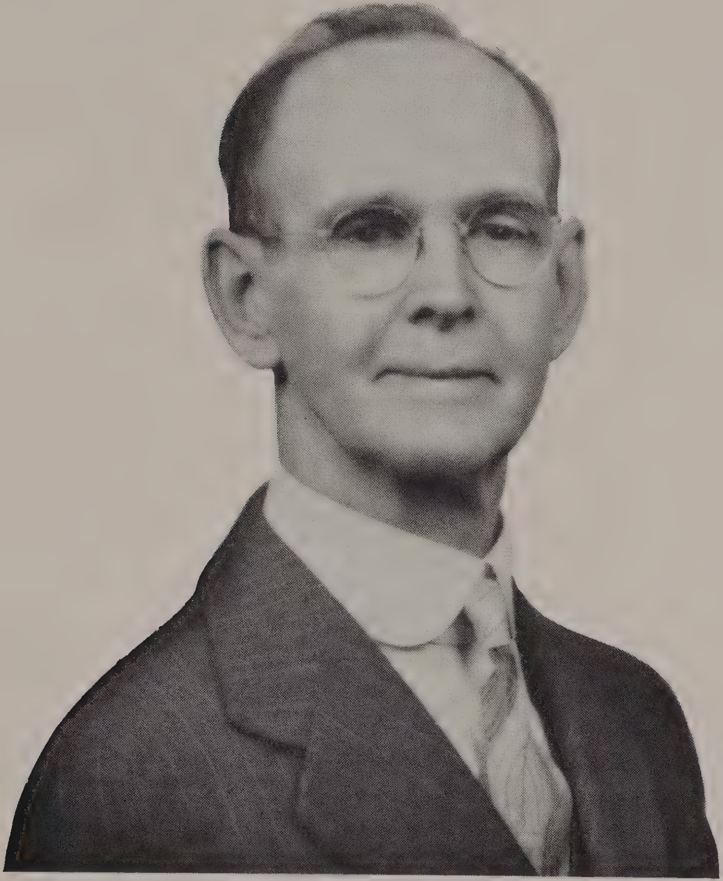

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About the same time—1871-72, Mrs. Elizabeth Stitt operated a boarding house in Third St. It was adapted from the old Leechburg Academy Bldg. Later this building was sold to J. H. Bergman, who turned it into a private residence. In 1878 it was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Stitt advertised at the time that she had "spared no pains" to make hers a first-class boarding house.

Another hotel was the Graham, operated by D. T. Graham while in 1873-74, James S. Sloan operated the Siberian Hotel in Canal St.

It was in 1896 that Mr. and Mrs. John E. Twaddle opened a hotel at 208 Third St., now the Dwight Artman residence. They operated a hotel there three years, moving in 1899 to Canal St. in the location of the Marconi Club today.

After 10 years they moved in 1909 to what is now the Penn-Lee Hotel. A year later Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartman of Wheeling, W. Va. came to Leechburg. She was a daughter of the Twaddles. A partnership was formed and they called it the "Twaddle House." They ran it four years.

Then a sister of Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Lanie Gales, took over for five years, selling to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph de Philippi.

A short time later, William Hill, who owned a brick yard in Freeport, bought this hotel and it continued in the Hill family until purchased in 1943 by Leo Moore, who took complete possession in 1944.

Bridges

First over-the-river transportation in Leechburg was canoe. Then ferry boats. In 1832 David Leech and others formed a bridge-building stock company. Hugh Callen built the first bridge.

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In 1905 the old steel bridge was raised above flood levels and the approaches extended over the railroad tracks. Today's bridge was dedicated in 1935. Josephine Wray cut the ribbon. She is now a school teacher in Williamsport, Pa.

In 1886 the Pennsylvania Railroad purchased land on the Leechburg side of the Kiski, building bridges at the upper and lower ends of the borough, trains running through Leechburg, crossing the river twice and connecting with the main line again at Anderson's Junction.

The Johnstown Flood carried out the upper bridge It was rebuilt in 1901, swept away forever in 1904. That's when the railroad changed the grade on the Westmoreland side of the river, lowering it and abandoning the famous tunnel. Thereafter only some coal and local freight trains ran into Leechburg. In 1936 the lower railroad bridge was carried away in the Big Flood.

Thus, from the time of erecting the first bridge in Leechburg, this town lost to floods six bridges—three for pedestrian and vehicular traffic; three railroad bridges.

The Flu Epidemic

Never to shirk disaster, Leechburgers met the 1918 scourge bravely. In October of that year, influenza broke out. Not rapidly at first. But in three weeks, the Board of Health reported 255 cases.

This was epidemic proportions. In many instances. pneumonia and influenza struck at the same time.

So an emergency hospital opened in Center Ave. Grade School. Miss Bertha White, Red Cross nurse, took charge with help of welfare organizations. Fifty women volunteered for work in the hospital and in homes.

Fourteen patients came to the hospital the second day. The flu had now trapped 827. Physicians, working night and day, couldn't serve all. The State sent

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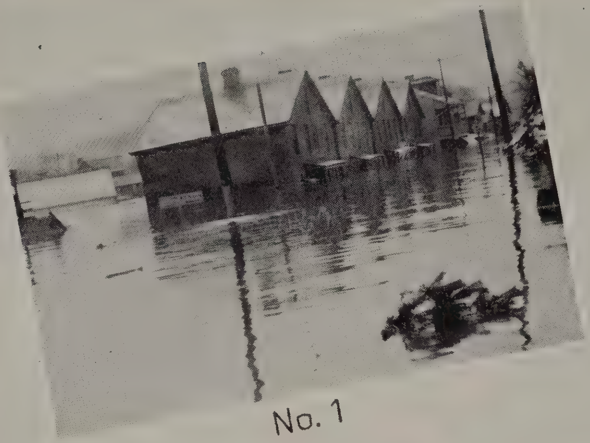

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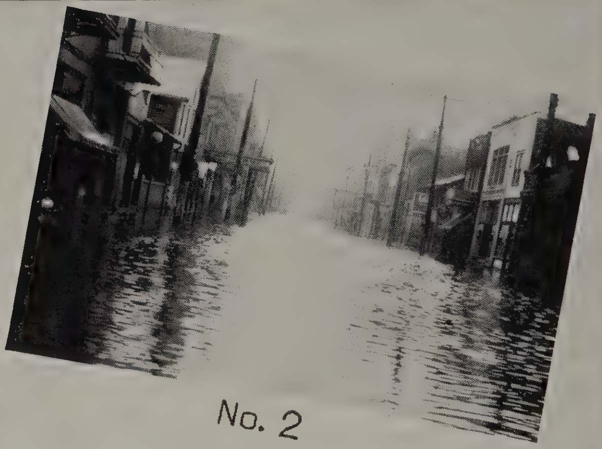

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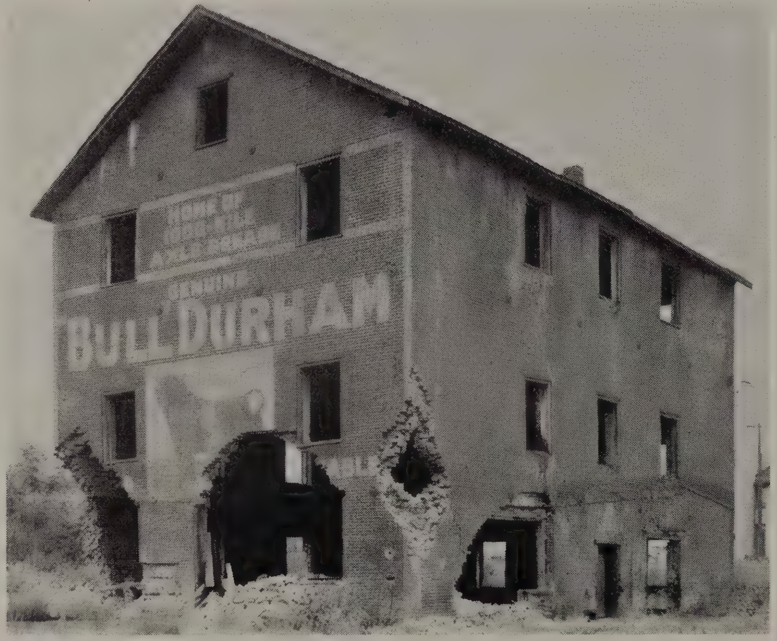

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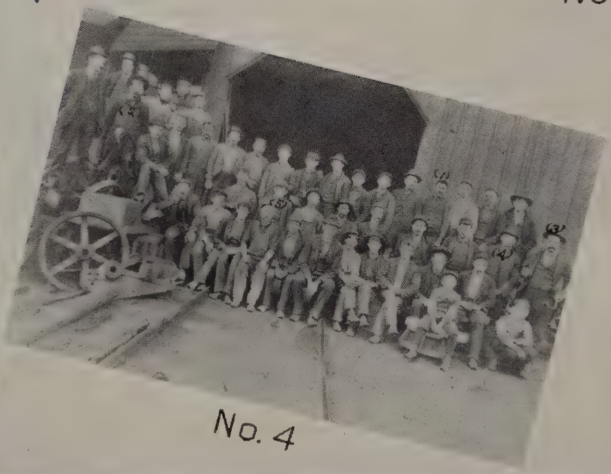

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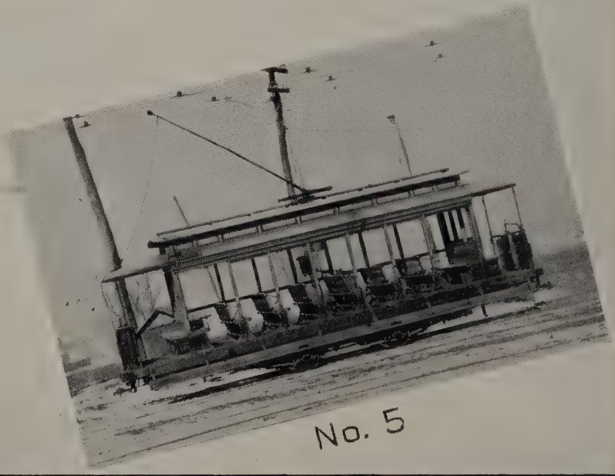

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(1) Pershing Avenue during flood of 1936; (2) Market Street during the flood of 1936; (3) The original David Leech Grist and flour mill in 1830; (4) Employees of the Leechburg Foundry and Machine Company taken in the late nineties; (5) Ye Old summer trolley of the 1900's photo courtesy of the West Penn Railways Company.

help—two physicians and two nurses, one a Miss Baker, formerly of Leechburg.

Women in the town furnished food, prepared and served it in the hospital. The clergy—pastors of both Protestant and Catholic churches—worked side by side in the hospital and homes—bringing spiritual comfort and doing physical labor.

In some homes, one to five persons would be ill at the same time. They needed food, clothing and other necessities. Individuals and organizations met those calls for help.

The decline in cases began late in November. When the emergency hospital closed, 38 had been cared for. Five died in the hospital.

But for that hospital, physicians said later, the epidemic would have gotten out of hand—the death toll been much greater.

Flood

High water used to be accepted regularly here. When the Johnstown Dam burst in 1889, to unleash its terrific fury on the Kiski Valley, Leechburg was hit.

Bodies, houses, parts of buildings, bridges and high water descended upon the growing town.

But the worst flood was St. Patrick's Day—March 17, 1936. The whole lower part of town—from the old car barn on Canal St. to the first Georgetown bridge was under water, three to 15 feet deep. Water from the Johnstown Flood didn't get that high.

About 150 in Leechburg and Georgetown were homeless. The flood took four homes in Leechburg, two in Georgetown, five in Bagdad and 35 in North Vandergrift. The raging river swept all before it—the old foot bridge between Leechburg and Hyde Park; and the railroad bridge at the lower end, about dawn of March 18.

Route 66 was under water and closed. Miles of railroad track was destroyed. National Guard troops patrolled the valley. The Leechburg Red Cross set up headquarters and a hospital in the Methodist Church basement. It was out of water danger. Ministers arranged for meals in the Presbyterian Church.

Beds and cots went into the borough building. Local and nearby area folks, out of flood zone, brought or sent supplies of all kinds. Welfare organizations mobilized full strength.

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Before the flood reached its crest—the afternoon of March 18—with three feet of water running in Market St., electric, gas and telephone service had been cut off and all of downtown Leechburg had been put under water.

The home of Thomas Jenkins had been lifted off its foundation and "planted" in the middle of Route 66, above the old Beale mine.

No town, from Blairsville to Cairo, Ill., escaped without some damage from the rampaging Kiski—known in navigation circles as the swiftest flowing river in United States.

Disaster's Avenger

When disaster strikes, the Red Cross is on call.

It was so first in Leechburg in 1917 in World War I. Thomas W. McCausland, president; George A. Walker, secretary and Walter Bright, treasurer, were the first officers.

Mrs. Thomas W. McCausland is president today, with Mrs. Mabel A. Waugaman, secretary and Mrs. Kathleen Bright, treasurer.

Mr. McCausland and Mr. Walker gave much of their time and of funds of their own to help the Red Cross do its job for Leechburg and her neighbors.

In the 1936 Flood, the Red Cross helped get new homes for those swept away and in the late war it was the agency to whom folks looked for help, with soldier-sons and soldier-husbands at war on land, sea and air. It was the Army's verifying agency—in case of death or illness at home.

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In World War I with knitters in their homes or in special rooms on the third floor of the Elks Bldg., there was shipped to Red Cross Headquarters in Kittanning, among other items, the following:

Two hundred and 22 suits pajamas, 24 bed shirts, 223 hospital shirts, 40 bed sheets, 251 towels, 148 comfort pillows, 250 fracture pillows and many items of surgical dressings—all made from Nov. 7, 1917 to Feb 6, 1919.

This work was carried on under the chairmanship of Mrs. John W. Crosby, one of the many capable and untiring women workers in this community since the days of its founding.

In the Depression 30's, the Red Cross supplied 1151 yards of various materials out of which 220 women from local church organizations made 658 articles of wearing apparel. These were turned over to the Leechburg Welfare Assn. which had been organized in 1930. This organization gave the articles to most in need.

That Welfare Assn. had headquarters in the borough building—a center for distribution of food and clothing, coal and financial help to those temporarily out of work, before the coming of State and Federal Public Assistance.

In all this the Red Cross helped—with 265 families on its 1933-34 list for regular assistance.

In 1942, with World War II raging, the Red Cross set up a surgical dressing class with Mrs. William Lott, Mrs. George Booth, Mrs. George Rowan and Mrs. R. C. Maher, supervisors. Women of Leechburg volunteered and surgical dressing classes met twice weekly in the Oglietti Bldg. for the duration of the war.

In 1943 there was a growing need for blood. In July of that year, a mobile blood unit for the Pittsburgh Red Cross Chapter came to Leechburg to help fill up the blood bank. Mrs. R. V. Nuttall, the former Martha Sheldon of Leechburg, had set up this Pittsburgh mobile unit.

The blood collection that week was in the lower floor of the Presbyterian Church. Twenty beds were set up and used continuously, Monday through Saturday.

In charge locally were W. B. Stewart, Mrs. John W. Taylor, and Mrs. C. T. Slonaker of Leechburg and Mrs. Leland T. Henry of Apollo, who recruited and organized volunteer workers — messengers, nurses,

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clerical and transportation committees.

Mrs. E. C. Good was chairman of a canteen service, which served the workers lunch each day.

Donors came from Leechburg, Apollo, Hyde Park, West Leechburg, Allegheny, Parks and Gilpin Twps. with 1056 pints of blood being collected.

A similar set-up was used in a similar week's blood donor drive in July of 1944 in which 889 pints of blood were given.

Between wars and disasters, the Leechburg Red Cross has served as the helping hand of individuals or groups in emergencies.

Because she knows what a disaster is, Leechburg and her people are quick to respond to calls by the Red Cross and other agencies for help when disaster strikes with its sudden fury in other places.

An example was the Texas City, Texas, explosion in September, 1947.

The explosion destroyed a large part of that town. Soon local citizens had raised $1,593.61 and sent it to Texas City.

Then, too, a large amount of both new and used clothing has been sent by individual mail, or through organized collections to devastated areas of Europe.

Our Chief Executive

He also lives in a White House.

Burgess Joseph M. Stanier came to Leechburg 56 years ago and he's been a public official 46 years.

His middle name is Mayor—maiden name of his mother, Emma. He remembers that he came to Leechburg before electric lights did—

When Market St. was cobblestone paving, only paved street in town and all along Market St. there were hitching posts—same spots in which you find an automobile parking meter today.

Burgess Stanier can't remember the first person he ever sent to jail, but he does recall his first term as Burgess, way back in 1926. The town then had but one policeman and he worked nights.

Mr. Stanier was both Burgess and policeman in the day time.

He was born in Staffordshire, England, Oct. 6, 1871

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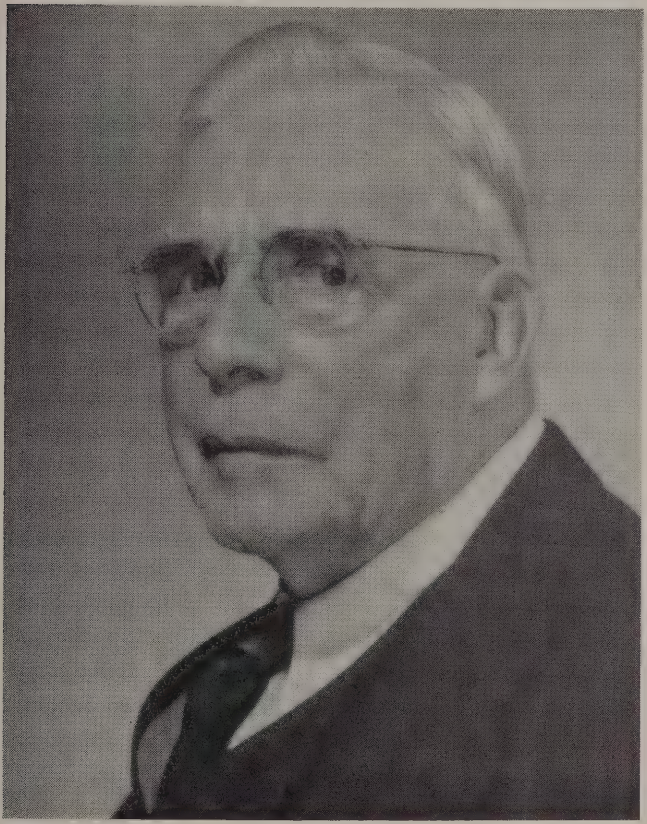
The family came to Pittsburgh because his father, Thomas, had been offered a position with Clark Bros. Steel Co. there. The father died 18 months later.

And at 10, Burgess Stanier went to work—a newsboy. Later he was a page boy in the famous Gusky Mansion, of the department store family. At 14 he was in the Clark Bros. Steel Co. Then he went to Diamond Steel.



JOSEPH M. STANIER
Burgess of Leechburg

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That's where the late Harry E. Sheldon contacted him and brought him to Leechburg to work in the Kirkpatrick & Co. mill. He continued there when it became American Sheet & Tin Plate Co, working as a roller until the mill shut down for the last time in 1931.

Mr. Stanier was elected to council in 1904 and re-elected to that body until he became Burgess—24 years ago, a record for continuancy in office of the chief executive officer in towns the size of Leechburg.

When he first came to Leechburg, he lived in Georgetown, by the first bridge, later he was in Main St. and for 43 years he resided on Penn Ave. And the home where he now lives—Siberian Ave. at Second St. —is painted white.

Oratory Books

Leechburg had the oldest lecture and lyceum association in United States. It brought on the library.

A "Library Association" was suggested editorially in the Leechburg "Enterprise" in 1873. On Nov. 12, 1874, the lecture and lyceum association organized with Dr. J. A. Armstrong, president; H. H. Wray, secretary and J. C. Ulam, treasurer.

It sought and did procure entertainment of a clean, elevating character. It led to building the Grand Opera House in 1908 by a local stock company, headed by Dr. J. D. Orr.

The building cost $47,000 and was the largest opera house stage and seating arrangement then in existence between Pittsburgh and Johnstown.

Some of its early attractions included Lillian S. Edgarton, billed as the "Diamond Orator" in January,

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A popular place is this corner of the Leechburg public and High School Library.

1875, who spoke on "Popular Shams," while Dr. George P. Hays came later with a scorching lecture on "Educated Failures"—both subjects with examples in this Twentieth Century.

The lecture association disbanded in the 1930's. The library continues.

Earliest library, in the principal's office of the 1874 school building, was a four-shelf bookcase. In 1910 the school had a small collection of books in a supply room.

In 1924 a committee comprising Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Welsh, Dr. J. D. Orr, Mrs. F. T. Butler, Mrs. John Morrison, Mrs. James Sproull, Mrs. N. I. Craig, Charles Slonaker, Miss Leota Klingensmith, Rev. J. O. McCown and A. Schwartz canvassed the town and got the question of a free public library on the ballot. Voters approved it. Council levied a half mill to establish and maintain a library.

Then, through the school board, a joint public and school library was formed, one of the few such joint libraries still successfully operating in Pennsylvania, or in many other states.

Each contributes—town and school—with council appointing the directors. On the first board were Leota Klingensmith, Chrissie Smail, Mary Favero, Mrs. S. J. McMains, Mrs. E. E. Blint. Mabel Wallace, a Carnegie Library graduate, was the first librarian.

It opened with 2,000 books Sept. 1, 1926. In 1949 there were 17,507 books circulated and $1,500 a year is spent for books, magazines and supplies and binding.

The library is on the lower level of the high school building entrance off Center Ave. Joint operation has worked well among the townspeople, too. It is open to the school mornings, to the public in afternoons and two evenings.

In 1935 an assistant librarian was employed, so the library could open five evenings a week.

In 24 years there have been, besides Miss Wallace, the following librarians — Dorothy Nevin, Roberta Lee, Margaret Howat, Helen Herr, Anna Marie Verderosa and Jean O'Neil and three assistants, Irma Tegzes, Helen Shipman and Eleanore Roselle.

Mrs. Wilmer J. Shadle, present librarian and Mrs. Jack Saulters, assistant, have served since 1946. And Mrs. Shadle is the former first librarian — Mabel Wallace.

Present library directors are Mrs. Ben Glenn, Miss Ruth Hill, Miss Veronica Ralston, Miss Leota Klingensmith, Miss Nelle Knepshield, Mrs. Ward Stitt and Mrs. Paul Slonaker.

School's Out as a group of High School Students are seen leaving the First Street Building.

Child Health

It was on March 23, 1923, that a group of local women met in the home of Mrs. John W. Crosby and volunteered their help in creating a center to promote the good health of children. Physicians gave their services.

Mrs. Crosby was the first chairman. Mrs. Norman H. Henderson, who volunteered as receptionist and recording clerk at the first meeting has continued in that capacity since.

The first child registered at the Child Health Center, established in the borough building, was Martha Sara Antoniono, now Mrs. Lewis Meidus.

The center's aim is to "keep the well baby well," by making possible periodic examinations before school age free of charge. The Center officially opened April 25, 1923. And March 1, 1950 showed a registration of 1,428 babies.

Present meeting place is in the Masonic Bldg., Market St. with Miss Ethel Anderson of Kittanning, one of Armstrong County's state nurses, in charge. Dr. John W. Welsh is the medical adviser.

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Schools

From the time David Leech first saw this Green Valley, Leechburg citizens have placed great emphasis upon education.

We had log schools first with greased paper for windows. Equipment was meager; seats rougher. In 1828, among county expenses, was $9.53 for teaching poor children.

First schools were on a subscription basis.

Then came the Free School Act of 1834.

But David Leech's school still served until 1843. Then a large, one-room frame building went up at Main St. and Bridge Alley. It could accommodate 40 pupils.

Stern disciplinarians were required in those days. Several teachers had been "run out." Samuel M. Crosby who, with the aid of a few birch switches and $40 monthly, agreed to teach. Later this school was a dwelling of the Lewis Bowers' and James F. McCracken families. It has been dismantled.

The Leechburg Institute was founded in 1857—a two-story brick building on the north side of Back St., now Center Ave., where the telephone office is. David McKee, later at Thiel College, was the first man in charge. David Leech deeded the ground for it for $1.

The institute was chiefly under Presbyterian control. It was incorporated in 1871. The building stood on a lot 60 by 120 feet. The company became insolvent, the building a boarding house to be sold finally by the Sheriff to J. Henry Bergman for $1,000.

But among those who attended that Institute were Rev. James S. Hawk, Jacob J. Hawk, T .B. Anderson, J. C. Evans, Attorneys G. S. Crosby and M. T. Leason and Dr. J. C. Wilson.

Now the Lutheran Institute, commonly called Lutheran Academy, was on the site of Hebron Lutheran Church and was incorporated at Kittanning March 15, 1864.

There were nine trustees, six regular members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and elected by the Lutheran Congregation of Leechburg; the others chosen from among the contributors or subscribers.

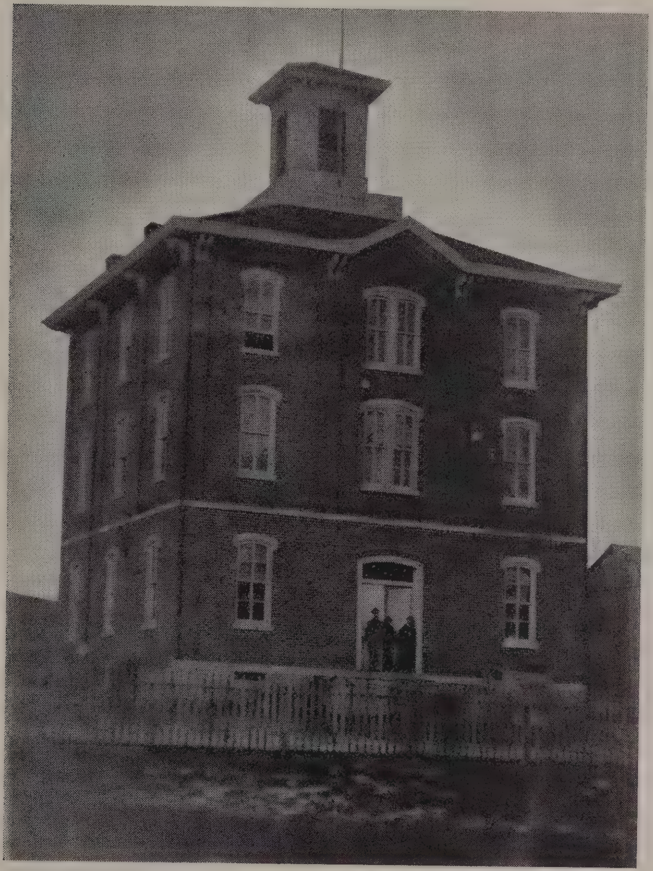
They erected a three-story brick buiding, with six schoolrooms, a cupola and bell. Among its instructors were Revs. David McKee and D. M. Kemmerer and Samuel F. Brackenridge. It closed in 1869.

In 1860, school was six months long; 77 pupils registered with average attendance 47; it cost 31 cents monthly to teach each scholar; school tax was $146.87, the amount collected $143.74; the teacher's salary $121;

The Leechburg High School

fuel $10 and repairs to the school $8.

That one school room served until 1875 when a school was built on an acre bounded by Siberian Ave., First St., Back Alley and Spring Alley—site of present high school. The new building was large enough for school rooms, a hall for public exercises and space for additional rooms, if needed. Requisite outbuildings were put up.


Lutheran Academy

The grounds were shrubbed and the total cost—ground, shrubbery and building—$15,000. Each room was well lighted and patent furniture put in. Even so, school directors W. R. Duff, G. W. Lininger and Lewis Bowers were threatened with all sorts of penalties for "the reckless manner" of spending $15,000 of public money for a new building.

In the fall of 1892, the town had outgrown the school and four rooms were added at $4,800. A recitation room was included and that's when the Pollard system of reading began.

On the second floors a three-year high school was established — chemistry, botany, zoology, geology, natural philosophy, algebra, geometry, Caesar, Cicero and Virgil were in the curriculum.

Literary exercise was compulsory each Friday, as a requirement for passing English. The Philogathi Literary Society was formed. Teachers and pupils in the upper grades were members.

The aim was literary, musical and social culture. Proceeds of winter concerts went into a library.

On the school board then were Dr. J. A. Armstrong, Dr. J .D. Orr, Dr. D. P. Trout, John Hagerman, J. R. Long and J. M. Anderson.

A few of the teachers from those early years were Maggie Banfield, Kitty Banfield, George Dyess, Nettie Dyess, Mary Kennedy, Mary Cannon, Anna Mary Bole and Harriet Jack.

Steady enrollment called for a new building in 1910 with eight classrooms and, for a number of years, a basement assembly room. This building is now used by the primary grades.

New high school talk began in 1920, was halted by a depression but the present high school of 24 rooms was built in 1924. S. M. Negley was then supervising principal and the school board consisted of Dr. J. D. Orr, Frederick T. Butler, N. H. Slonaker, Charles S. Hill and W. S. Fiscus.

In the formative early years, one of the towers of strength in the school system was Dr. J. A. Armstrong. He was one of the early advocates of a good health pro-

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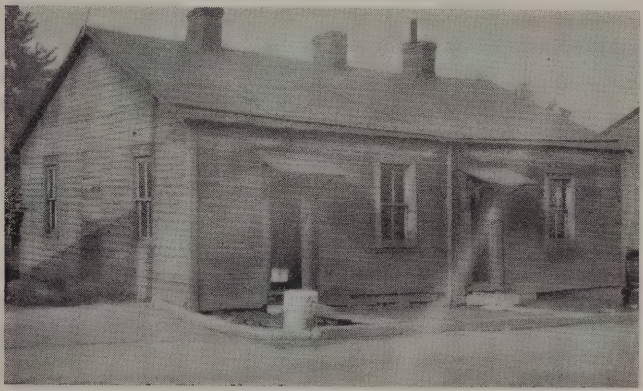
gram. He was school board secretary nearly 25 years.

In Dr. Armstrong's later years he found a strong ally in Dr. J. D. Orr. Dr. Orr was president of the Leechburg school board for 40 years, being first elected in 1895. In all those years of service and until his death in 1935, he presented each year a gold medal to the high school graduating student having the highest four-year average. This has been continued—a memorial to him.



Original Leechburg Public School, 1860 stood on north corner of Main Street and Bridge Alley.

In addition, Dr. Orr served two years as president of the Pennsylvania School Directors Association.

In 1927 Victor R. Blauch became supervising principal and has served Leechburg well in that capacity ever since. Parker D. Baker, high school principal, was elected to that position in 1944 and, in addition to his school duties, takes an active part in community activities.

In this centennial year, the school system can point to not only the Three R's, but a complete curriculum in the arts, sciences, commercial, home economics, manual training, art and music—a music department for voice in charge of Mrs. Walter Leidy and for instru-

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Seated, left to right—Dom Favero, Mrs. E. C. Good, Secretary; Dr. O. C. Neely, President. Standing are E. A. Watters and Eugene Kallay.

mental, Leo Allera, conducting.

Typical of the century of progress and the answer to the early work of Dr. Armstrong, is the addition to the staff of a school nurse—Mrs. Clementine Lehman. Every other year, children receive physical and dental examinations.

Then, because of the auto age, the school has a safety program with a training course for automobile drivers, in charge of Walter Slonaker, faculty member. It has been functioning with continuing success for

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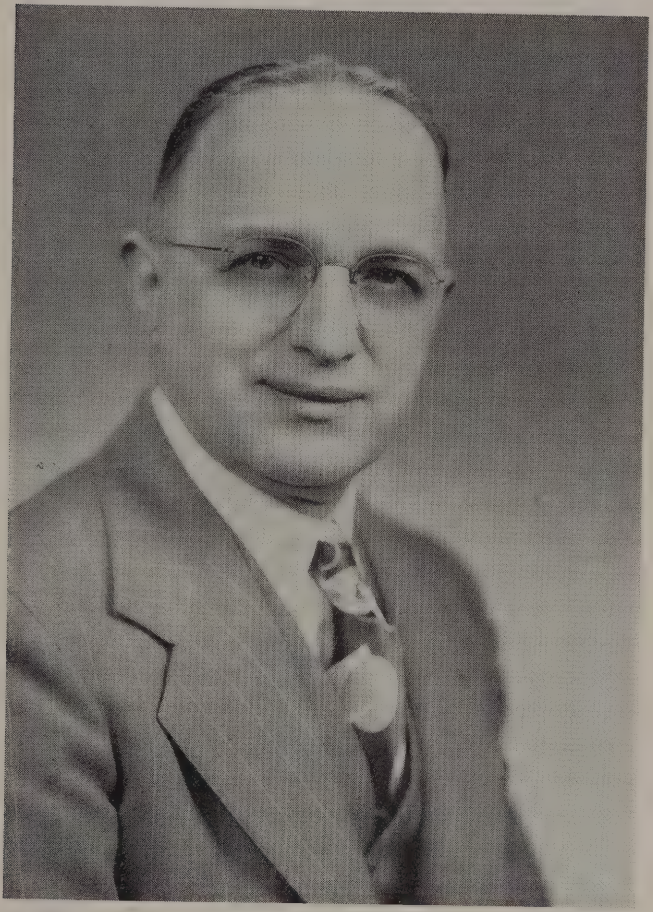
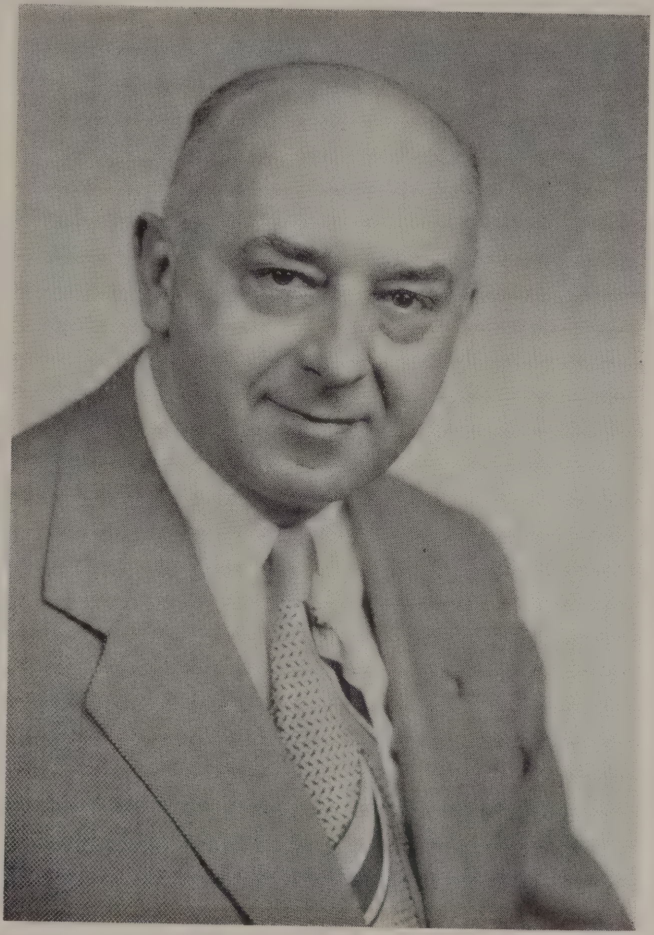


VICTOR R. BLAUCH
Supervising Principal, Leechburg Schools



PARKER D. BAKER
Principal, Leechburg High School

two years.

The high school has a newspaper, "Trotty Veck" and an annual publication, "Minetas." Service and social organizations within the school are the Sub-Debs, Teen Timers, Dramatic Club, National Honor Society, Assembly, Senior and Junior Tri-Hi-Y, Art Clubs, Varsity and Girls' Athletic Association.

The school looks forward to the television age, since it has broken into radio with literary and music programs weekly over Radio Station WAVL, Apollo.

All a far cry from wooden benches, greased paper windows; instead of a handful of pupils, the 1949 enrollment was 999 and from May 1922 until May 1949—27 years—the high school has graduated 2,341. Largest class was 133 in 1942.

COMPLIMENTS OF . . .

J. KARL ROEDER

Never in the school's history have teachers had to wait on their salary; no bills have been held over from one school board meeting to another, for lack of funds. And the school is practically free of debt—there being enough in the sinking fund to liquidate it.

The present school board is composed of Dr. O. C. Neely, president; Dominic Favero, vice president; Mrs. E. C. Good, secretary; E. A. Watters, Jr. and Eugene Kallay. This board replaces C. S. Hill, Harry Myers and W. B. Stewart.

N. H. Slonaker had retired as president of the board in 1947. When Mr. Hill retired, it marked the end of 35 years as a director of the schools—a long tenure, many of those years as secretary.

School teachers in 1950, in addition to those previously named, are Agnes C. Baird, Mrs. Ruth Coy, Mrs. Cathryn R. Underhill, Kathleen Craig, Erma Stull, Mary McKeag, Mrs. Mildred H. Weible, Mrs. Beatrice Baker, Jenny Ferrarotti, Veronica Ralston, Mrs. Hazel Hawk, Mrs. Josephine Rearick, Joanna Barr, Mrs. Melva P. Houchens, Mrs. Addalene Manning.

Anna Groves, Mrs. Mary E. Hendrie, Mrs. Mary Virginia Nichols, Mary K. Clarkin, William B. Thompson, Nelle Knepshield, John H. McCoy, Mrs. Marion Jones, Michael Dzvonik, Mrs. Edna M. Bigley, Pearl Dezzutti, Ruth Hill, Jean Orndoff, Ellis R. McCracken, Loveen G. Albright, Charles S. Messner, Mabel Shadle and Vivienne Dickson, school secretary.

A crowded auditorium of Leechburg High School which seats approximately 1,000 persons—a 1950 picture.

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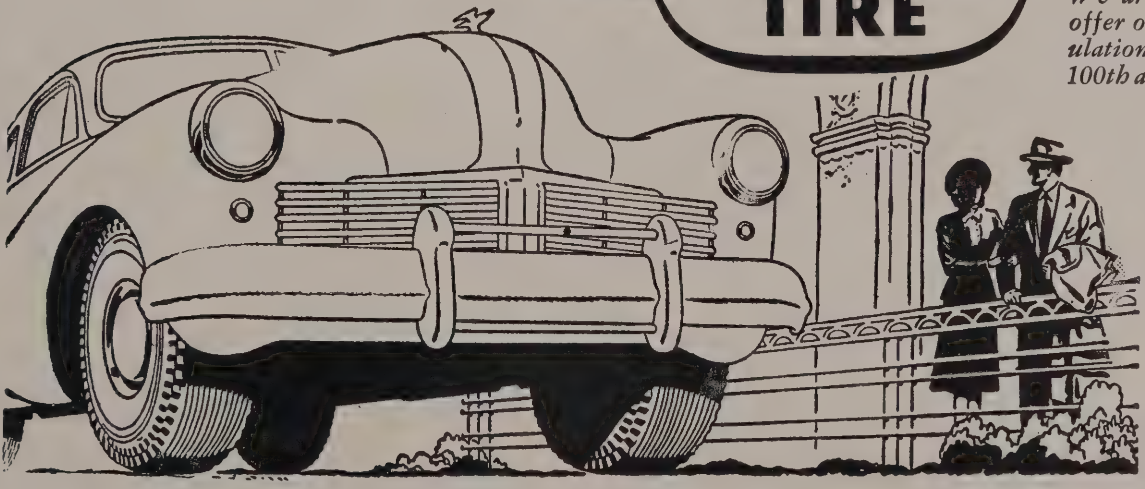

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Recreation

Leechburg has organized recreation. James McCracken, Charles Slonaker, Walter Bright and Dr. C. O. Bischoff were on the first playground committee.

The playground opened on the hill in 1935 and playground supervisors have been Edna May Klingensmith, Josephine Banichar, Barbara Wynn, Mary Clarkin, Mrs. Albright, Ellis McCracken and William Thompson.

The equipment of the playground was moved from the hill to the vacant lot behind the school building with the opening in 1946 of Memorial Field.

There is a playground for kiddies, athletics during the day for children and an adult program after 5 p.m. at Memorial Field, all of which started in 1947. The kiddies program began under Barbara Wynn and is now in charge of Miss Clarkin.

There are all types of athletics and games, with trips to Pittsburgh and other baseball games, swimming at Crooked Creek, evening parties, hikes, dances, and courses in arts and crafts.

It took from 1947 through 1949 to get all activities correlated, but the whole recreation program from kindergarten to a baseball league, moves along smoothly now.

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High School Athletics

Leechburg is located in one of the most competitive areas for sports in Pennsylvania. Michael Dzvonik, athletics historian at the high school, has the records to prove it.

The traditional sectional rivalries with Vandergrift, Apollo, Ford City, Kittanning and Freeport have lost none of their fervor with the passing century.

Able men have guided high school sports, as this roster shows:

Coach Whitaker, St. Albion College, 1919; Marlin B. Wenrich, Lebanon Valley College, 1919-20; John McGinnes, Lebanon Valley College, 1920-23; Henry Groff, Franklin & Marshall—assistant, Earl Rose of Pitt—1923-24; C. J. Randall, Westminster College, 1924-25; Charles W. Watson, Villanova College, 1925-29; Forrest A. Ford of Waynesburg College, coach for 16 years—from 1929-45.

His assistants were Walter D. Slonaker, W & J from 1931-38; C. L. Brown of Pitt in 1936 and Michael Dzvonik of Waynesburg College, 1937-43.

Walter West of Pitt was coach in 1945-46 with Dzvonik his assistant and Ellis R. McCracken of Gettysburg College, present coach, came in 1946 with William B. Thompson of Salem College, assistant.

In early years, the head coach likewise coached the girls' teams. Later others were hired for this duty.

They've been:

W. R. Klinger, 1925-26; Glenn Bailey, Cumberland Valley State Normal, 1926-28; Bernice Cooper, Slippery Rock State Teachers College, 1930-33; while Mary Kathryn Clarkin, present coach, who came in 1934 is also from Slippery Rock. Miss Cooper was the first woman physical education teacher for girls.

Football

Early games were on the old shovel works grounds. In 1921, games were at the Welfare Grounds. This

LEECHBURG HIGH SCHOOL'S 1949 CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

Front row, left to right—Don Ravetta, Paul Tallarom, Charles Andrews, John Vallino, Joe Begonia, Dom Garda, John Pezzana, Don Hunter, Steve Anto, Robert Pert, Bernard Jack.

Second row—Paul Stull, James Smail, Sam Catalino, Andy Rose, Virgil Bashline, Robert Sihlanick, William Brown, William Czirjak, Daniel Booker, Jerry Stano.

Third row—Assistant Coach William Thompson, Dallas Tyler, Sam Lovelace, Charles Camp, Dwight Pettigrew, Larry Stueber, John McMaster, Ralph Cortileso, Tommy Favero, Victor Kolenik, Head Coach Ellis McCracken.

Fourth row—Edward Rowe, Fred Aiello, Thomas Gamble, Quentin Shields, Paul Shaner, Robert McBurney, Pete Bono, Horace Davis, Kevin Jones, Kenneth McLaughlin.

Fifth row—Russell Bills, Elbert Lovelace, Louis Truffa, Norman Kirkpatrick, Ronald Ravotti, Joe Vereb, Chester Fasano, Leonard Denning, Donald Cline, Claude Thompson.

Sixth row—Eugene McKallip, Charles Conto, Lloyd Taylor, Clarence Shumaker, Robert Bigley, William Miller, Robert Ravetta, James Mann, James Knepshield, Anthony Gasbarro, Donald Cockroft.

Seventh row—Managers James Svorcek, David Hogue, Clarence Grantz, Eddie DeWitt.

deteriorated and all games were played abroad.

In 1939, the grounds were renovated with first home games in four years. Later, the field not being suitable, all games again were played away. In 1947 Memorial Field was converted into the beautiful stadium of today, to give Leechburg one of the finest athletic fields in the state.

This was the lineup of the first football team—Ends, Blair, Campbell, Ben Miller; tackles—Joseph Catalino, Bart Favero; guards—Charles Thompson, Norman Abramavitz; center—Kenneth DeWitt; quarterback—John Welsh; Halfbacks—Andrew Gulliford and James Maridon, captain; fullback—Carl Jackson. Subs were Nathan Clarkin, Paul Smith, Kenneth Ivory, Paul Young and Bruce Armstrong.

Dr. H. M. Welsh was team physician. This first team beat Saltsburg, 26-0; lost two games to Vandergrift and one each to Apollo, Saltsburg and Kittanning. Blair Campbell made the first touchdown—on a recovered fumble.

FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM, SEASON OF 1920

Front row, left to right—Kenneth Jackson, Harry Knepshield, Kenneth DeWitt, Melvin Hill.

Middle row—Bart Favero, Paul Young, Joseph Catalino, Eddie Baker, Valentine Kovacs, John Welsh.

Back row—Walter Ritchie, Nathan Clarkin, Paul Culp, Norman Abramovitz, Sidney Stanier, Kenneth Ivory, Andrew Gulliford, Chester Stevens, Coach John McGinnes.

Early rules were lax, equipment rudimentary. Most played until carried from the field. It wasn't unusual to see players of all ages competing, to see a coach play for a fairly weak team, or to see the opposition bolstered with collegians, Kiski prep students or "outsiders," not school-enrolled. Then, too, high school students competed on valley independent teams.

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Aerial View of the Leechburg Memorial Field

wins, a loss and a tie; the loss to Vandergrift, but Apollo beat them and since Leechburg vanquished Apollo twice—Leechburg was champs.

First unbeaten, but tied team was 1922—five victories and the ties—Apollo 7-7 and Vandergrift, 20-20. This team scored most points ever by a Leechburg team—49-0—in defeating Oakmont.

The 1923 team won four, lost three, tied two but having beaten Apollo and Kittanning, Leechburg claimed the county championship.

The 1929 team was the first to defeat Vandergrift, 13-0 and that game turned up one of those unusual, national football incidents.

It happened this way. Leechburg was winning, 7-0. Vandergrift was within the five-yard line. Leechburg checked the threat—on the 12-inch line!

Instead of kicking, Clare Shuster went through the line—starting a 104-yard touchdown jaunt.

As he passed the Vandergrift bench, a player there became the twelfth Vandergrift man on the field, downing Shuster about the 15-yard line. Pandemonium broke loose. Leechburg was awarded the score but some two minutes of that game will never be played!

That team—1924—also chalked up six broken noses, one broken finger and a broken arm for the season. And in the game against Blairsville, John Shaffer kicked the first field goal—a 40-yard drop kick.

The 1929 team took the worst defeat, 65-0 against Parnassus. The 1933 team had eight wins, three losses with services of Tony Romanowski, recognized as best punter in school history. The 1941 team was the second unbeaten, but tied team, winning eight—the ties 7-7 in each with Apollo and Arnold. A defeat to Scottdale was forfeited to Leechburg because Scottdale used ineligible players, so the 1941'ers were valley champions.

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Kneeling are Managers Joe Rua and Charles Brown.

Front row, left to right—Coach Ellis McCracken, Eugene Hall, Max Israil, Bernard Jack, Joe Ignacz, Paul Tallerom, Frank Bono and Dom Garda.

Back row—Steve Anto, Anthony Querio, Carl Smail, Robert Pert, George Bolognia, William Jones and Quentin Shields.

from among the players coached in his long tenure:

Joseph Walko, Wade Shaffer, ends; Ben Franklin, George Glenn, tackles; Michael Sihlanick, Renaldo Bolognia, guards; John Truffa, center; Tony Romanowski, Dick Boucher, Jess Colemand and Louis Bolognia, quarterbacks; Ray Goglio, "Red" Welsh, Henry Booker, Tony Vota, halfbacks; "Beezy" Bills, Steve Kolenik, Bill Bowers and Charles Toman, fullbacks.

The Boosters' Club made it possible for the 1946 team to be the first to train at a football camp—Camp Bu-Co-Co.

The 1949 team was undoubtedly one of the greatest—first to be unbeaten and untied, 10 victories as follows—Leechburg 33, Washington Twp. 0; Leechburg 19, Freeport 6; Leechburg 25, Ford City 0; Leechburg 28, Springdale 6; Leechburg 40, Apollo 13; Leechburg 14, German Twp. 7; Leechburg 28, Shannock Valley 6; Leechburg 20, Tarentum 18; Leechburg 27, Arnold 0; Leechburg 45, Evans City 6.

This was the first team to defeat Tarentum in 12 years. Garda and Kolenik were on the Class B All-WPIAL first team while coaches and sports writers put Garda, Kolenik, Tallarom, Begonia, Vallino and Jack on all-star Class B teams. Kolenik was leading valley scorer—13 touchdowns and one extra point. Garda was rated best T-formation quarterback in school history.

In 30 years of football, Leechburg teams won 104 games, lost 132, tied 26.

Basketball

Began in 1919 and on the first team were Ben Miller, Bracken Fiscus, captain, forwards; Blair Campbell, center; James Maridon and Charles Thompson, guards with Andrew Gulliford, Paul Young, Kenneth DeWitt, Kenneth Ivory, Alvin Shuster and Joseph Catalino, subs.

This team registered the first victory over Ford City 26-19.

Before the high school was built, games were in the

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1950
Left to right—Antoinette Zana, Joami, D'Andrea, Jeannette Messner, Virginia Ellis, Mary Kathryn Clarkin, Coach Alberta Mateer, Ellen Stubble, Sina Skinner, Eleanor Gasbarro, Catherine Luciak. Kneeling, Pauline Strapac.

1916-1917 LEECHBURG COMMUNITY BASKETBALL TEAM
Back row, left to right—Johnson, Thomas, Lees, Saulters, Stannier.
Middle row—Sproul, Heilman, Scott, Dewitt, Rose.
Seated in front—Sproul.

I.O.O.F. Bldg. Quarters were 10 minutes long, outsiders were rung in when possible. Travel was by train, with overnight stops in neighboring towns. There weren't many gyms and churches, a grist mill storage room or a community building became basketball courts. Foul shooting was generally by one team member.

The 1921-22 team walloped New Kensington, 84-29. worst defeat Leechburg ever gave an opponent. Records show Leechburg has won nine, lost 38 games to Ford City, a school that has become the basketball nemesis of Leechburg through the years.

The 1924 team was the first in WPIAL competition, the old section six with Ford City, Kittanning, Vandergrift and Apollo. The 1929-1930 team won 17, lost 10—defeating Blairsville that year in the A-K tournament, 28-6—without permitting Blairsville a field goal. In this tournament they lost to Har-Brack after defeating Oakmont, Aspinwall and Arnold.

But the runner-up trophy made this team first trophy winner in school history. The 1933 team was the first to beat Ford City in 10 years; while Mike Dzvonik set an A-K Tournament record in this year of caging 21-30 fouls, having 18 points in a game to be tournament high scorer and he likewise led the WPIAL in fouls—90 fouls in 10 league games, highest scorer in school history to that time.

The 1936 team was the first to go into a sectional playoff. In the playoff on the Tarentum floor, the

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During this period, numerous improvements were made to Boro property, the most important of which were the widening of Market Street, and the construction of the present Municipal Building.

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regulation game ended in a tie but in the overtime the locals lost to Ford City, 28-27.

Bob Jones of this squad was high valley scorer for two years—224 points in 1935-36 and 207 in 1936-37.

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1919-1920

Front row, left to right—Kenneth DeWitt, Kenneth Ivory, and Joseph Catalino. Back row—James Maridon, Coach Marlin Wenrich, Andrew Gulliford, Paul Young and Blair Campbell.

On the 1938-39 team, John Antoniono, considered best shot in school history by many persons, set a new individual scoring record of 270 points in a season.

Coach Ford also drew up an all-star quintet after his 16 years here as follows:

John Antoniono and Robert Jones, forwards; Lee Frank, center; "Buss" Ritchie and Michael Dzvonik, guards.

The 1948-49 team was the first to cop a sectional crown. It was the first to represent the school at Pitt Stadium in WPIAL eliminations. It lost to Aliquippa, 61-49 and Aliquippa went on to become State Champions.

Basketball history from 1919 through 1929, including tournaments, shows Leechburg won 323 games, lost 297 and in 1949 Domenic Garda set a new individual scoring mark of 312 points in 23 games—for next century students to shoot for.

Girls Basketball

Anna Miller, Martha Ritchie, Veronica Ralston, Sadie Spratt and Elizabeth Groves with substitutes

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Margaret Yingst, Katherine O'Neil, Edith Goodbread, Pauline Oliver were on the first girls' basketball team in 1919-20. It won two, lost four and tied one game.

Play continued through the 1928 season. Early games were limited to very local teams, because of the travel involved. As it was, many games were cut short, so the girls could catch a train back home.

FIRST GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

Seated, left to right—Anna Miller and Sadie Spratt; Middle row —Katherine O'Neil, Edith Goodbread and Pauline Oliver; Back row—Martha Ritchie, Coach Marlin Wenrich, Veronica Ralston and Margaret Yingst.

In those eight years, the girls' teams won 47 games, lost 46 and tied five. Beginning in 1929, girls basketball became intra-mural sport and there has been added field hockey, indoor baseball, volley ball and soft ball.

The school likewise is looking forward to resuming track meets, with the new stadium. A track team did represent the school in 1930 and John Yansky was one of the best milers in Western Pennsylvania.

Batter Up!

Baseball, the great American pastime, hasn't been ignored here. First organized team was about 1880. On the first team of record were Tom Doyle, William Grubhouser, Henry Kunkel, James "Cubby" Bear, Frank Harris, Winnie Ashbaugh and C. Haws.

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About 1886 a second team was organized, called the "Grays." Many of the players on the first team, joined this one.

In 1888 a third organization — the Blacks — was organized, absorbing many of the first two teams.

This team established quite a name for itself in non-professional circles with such players as Pete Cline, Bert Bole, Dick Stivenson, Harry Krick, James Krick, John "Birdie" Jack, Charles Kidner, Honus Brothers, Robert Hopkins, Corkie Cogley and a man named Pringle.

These teams played on the inside sector of the old Fair Grounds race track on an area bound by Second St. and Linden Ave.

In the early days of Leechburg, baseball was the great team and spectator sport. Then it came into new heights from 1900 to 1906, the Leechburg team meeting best competition from Pittsburgh and surrounding area. The team was the pride of the town. Games attracted huge crowds who came by train. Competition was keen, the games hotly contested.

Games were played on property now occupied by the homes of Frank Slomka and F. G. Benford on Beale Ave. Included on this prominent ball club were Dal Malarkey, Bill Malarkey, John Elliott, Bert Stivenson, Honus Brothers, Dr. C. C. Parks, Robert Peters, Jack Brown, Bert Kooser, Lefty McIlwain, Pete Cline, Charles Starr and Dick Stivenson.

One of the roster, Bill Malarkey, later played with the New York Giants in the National League.

Before World War I and succeeding years, baseball was played in the Welfare Grounds—now Veterans' Memorial Field. Members of the ball teams helped

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stake out the first diamond and to maintain the lot. Later games were played on the Shovel Works field, south of the Pittsburgh Shovel Works, now dismantled.

Through the years, even those of the depression, baseball has been a favorite sport here with at least one team bearing the name of Leechburg in the sandlot section. It has been in the Allegheny-Kiski Valley and Kiski Valley Leagues, while in the late 20's an industrial league flourished here, with six or seven local teams competing with suburban nines.

In 1949 the Leechburg inter-city league of five teams was formed.

Among the competing teams here in the past century have been the Marconi, Magyars, Slovaks, Olympics, Colored Giants, VFW and Indians.

Then from time to time, suburban communities—Schenley, Hyde Park, West Leechburg, Gosser Hill and Kiskimere have fielded teams. The Bruno Cubs in Gilpin Twp., the Martins in Bethel Twp. and a squad from Allegheny Twp. have played here.

Generating Light

Benjamin Franklin wasn't the only man to experiment with electricity.

In Leechburg for many years there lived Robert Cunningham, a watchmaker and jeweler.

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He continued to supply his own light until the forming of the first local power company, which then brought electricity to the whole town.

Thus Mr. Cunningham became the first man in Leechburg to have electric lights.

Saying It With Music

Bright spots of history have been Leechburg's music, vocal and instrumental. It's a good entertainment town—from the Irish jigs of railroad builders through the barn dances—now returning to popular favor.

Gone but not forgotten are the spelling bees, quilting parties, box and pie socials, lawn festivals, sleigh rides, the home talent shows, the lectures, a hay ride or two and now through the new fields of radio, movies and television.

N. E. Townsend of Apollo was the pioneer music teacher—giving voice and instrumental lessons in a room of the Lutheran Academy for nearly 23 years—with a sideline business in the sale of pianos and organs.

Popular too were the Ashbaughs, the Parks, Ross Fife and Drum Corps, minstrels and the shows of the patent medicine man.

Prominent in early history was the Leechburg Cornet Band, organized in 1870 with Jacob H. Parks, director. His son, John, was director later.

Leechburg Cornet Band at ease after a Memorial Day Parade some years ago.

It had weekly practice sessions in the Parks store in the Wannamaker block of Market St. and the old fire hall. It was a sprightly organization—a fixture at every civic celebration, holiday event, public function or major sport roundup.

It disbanded in the steel strike of the 1890's, when many from the band, mill workers, left for Canton, O. Later it became the McGinty band, but disbanded in the 1920's.

One of the first activities of the growing Italian colony at the turn of the century was the formation of a band. In 1908, a group of Italian residents, endowed with traditional musical talent, formed the Cristoforo Colombo Band, under the guiding hand of Luigi Andiburgo. The band's name was chosen in honor of the great Italian navigator.

THE ORIGINAL COLOMBO BAND

Front row, left to right – Giuseppe Bochese, James Maridon, Anthony Dezutti, Pasquale Vigna, Director.

Middle row—Domenico Favero, Antonio Formento, Charles Broglio, Joseph Andrees, Joseph Caveglia, Robert Caveglia, Leopold De Gujo.

Back row—Carlo Isacco, Anthony Favero, Ignazio Graziano, Joseph Freilino, Bernard Cavelia, Guy Oglietti, Giorcelli Enrico.

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Leechburg High School Band

the first formal concert being at Second and Market Sts. Dec. 4, 1909 with Pasquale Vigna directing. He served until 1932 when Domenick Eamaino became conductor.

When the Marconi Lodge was formed, the group became a formal part of that fraternal organization and Leo Allera has been conducting since 1948.

The Marconi Band, currently attired in green and yellow uniforms, has been a regular in parades and public functions for 25 years and plays for festive occasions of the lodge.

The Cornet and Marconi Bands were the first fully instrumented marching groups in town.

American Legion Band

An American Legion Band of 40 members was in existence from 1924 to 1929 with John B. Parks director. It competed in four state convention parades and one national convention at Philadelphia in 1926.

High School Band

The Leechburg High School band first was talked up by some of the men of the Rotary Club when Miss Marjorie McCausland was music teacher in the 1936-37 school term.

That first band had a majorette and 76 members. Now there are 60 members; 20 majorettes. First public concert was in the spring of 1938, directed by George Hazen of Scottdale. Uniforms came the following year, when the band first appeared for football games.

The Pep Band came along in 1939-40 when Harvey Perrine was school music instructor. It had 18 members.

In 1943, Miss Lee Anna McColgin was music teacher and she also organized the men's glee club, now the boys chorus with 28 voices. Likewise there is a mixed chorus of 54. In 1947 new band uniforms were purchased.

In 1949 Leo Allera, native of Leechburg and talented musician with an excellent professional and instructional background, took charge. He organized the Junior Band, which has 49 players now.

The band has appeared in public functions and athletic contests. The practice of using original field shows by the senior and junior bands started in 1948. It sent 10 members to a district band festival at Blairs-

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ville in 1949—a large number for the Leechburg school enrollment. Others have been in state band contests. Some of the band members are in an orchestra—for school functions.

The first Girls' Glee Club was formed in 1913 by Miss Margaret Stevens. Now there's girls' senior and junior chorus work in charge of Mrs. Walter Leidy.

In Hyde Park

Pasquale Vigna organized a band in Hyde Park in 1918. It disbanded a year later, to be formed again in 1925 by Clarence Sturgeon of Apollo and played public concerts in Griftlo Park and over Pittsburgh radio stations, disbanding in the depression 30's.

Then came the Hyde Park Drum and Bugle Corps in 1941, under the auspices of Hyde Park Foundry and Machine Co. It disbanded in World War II.

In 1947 the band instruments were donated to the Hyde Park school and the Hyde Park Parent-Teachers Association now sponsors a corps of 33 with eight majorettes. Uniforms are gray and red. The PTA bought them. First public appearance was in 1949, under director of LeRoy Tarbell and James Kelly of Apollo. With the aid of John Williams, James Mann and Ted Cecconi, the group appeared and won prizes in parades.

Firemen's Band

The Leechburg Vol. Fire Dept. organized a band in 1930—John Parks, bandmaster. James "Grassy" Borland and Chauncey Kelly succeeded him, in turn. From 1930 to 1937, when it disbanded, this band won 60 out of 72 first prizes in competitions throughout Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The firemen organized a marching unit in 1939, buying brown and gold uniforms—a snappy outfit. It broke up in 1941.

But in 1946, using those marching unit uniforms, the band reorganized under the leadership of Leo Allera. It has placed first and second in firemen's com-

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petitions—expects to hit the top in 1950.

West Leechburg School Band

This band organized in 1941, Rev. David O. Slyter directing. He continued until 1944 with the coming of Leo Allera as director and music teacher.

First public appearance of the youthful music makers was in 1944. It is now the official band of West Leechburg firemen and Michael Petronchek is director now. Leon Gronk managed the band in 1948 and 1949.

Among outstanding individual musicians to come out of Leechburg is Victor Zana, who once played the piano in Leechburg theaters, before the arrival of talking pictures.

The son of James Zana, Ridge Ave., Georgetown Heights, Victor went to New York to pursue his music career and has appeared as concert pianist in his own and other programs at Carnegie Hall.

Levi G. Stitt of Parks Twp. and Leslie Grinder of Hyde Park are two surviving members of the old Parks Twp. Fife and Drum Corps, organized about the time of the Civil War to escort soldiers to the front.

Some of the original band were killed in that war.

In the corps were John Frantz Stitt, Benjamin Logan, Henry Ross, Samuel Stitt, Horace McIntyre, Adam Carney, James Ross, Jim Stitt, William Stitt and Levi Stitt.

The corps reorganized after the Civil War, practicing Tuesday and Saturday evenings in Stitt's Mill with Mr. Grinder, William Parks, William Hill, Charles Trent and William Alcorn, new members.

It disbanded in 1878, to be organized a third time some years later and last played a concert for a Hill's School reunion.

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His judgment was much sought after in public and business life for a half century of Leechburg's century of progress.

His name was connected with gas, iron, steel, coal, oil, banking and real estate.

One of his ancestors had come to Pennsylvania with William Penn. His grandfather, Washington Beale, had crossed the mountains in 1800 to settle in the wilderness where Natrona is now.

Maj. Beale's father, Washington Beale, Jr., was a farmer and stock raiser. In 1859 he had gone to England, purchased and imported the first English draft horses to Western Pennsylvania.

Joseph Grant Beale was born on a farm near Natrona March 26, 1859. In 1875 he went to Scotland and imported the first of another breed of draft horses to this district.

He had gone into the business of drilling for oil when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted in the Iron City Guards later a company of riflemen.

He was wounded June 30, 1862 on the sixth day of the seven days fight at Charles City Cross Roads. He lay on the battlefield seven days and seven nights with only crackers for food, until taken prisoner. He was held in the Libby Prison in Richmond.

Later he was promoted to Captain but never recovered from his wounds sufficiently to return to active duty. While invalided at Fort Monroe he studied law. He carried in his side until death a "minnie" ball from that Civil War battle.

Major Beale didn't practice long in law, going into the coal business in Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh in 1865. In 1868 he came to Leechburg, bought the Leech property and began the business career which was to help start Leechburg in iron and steel manufacturing. He built the large home still standing today at Market and First Sts.

He was in the Sixtieth Congress from this district in 1906 and he once owned, but never developed, a

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One of his sons, Harry W. Beale, on Leechburg Council at the time, was killed by a cattle train near the present Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

In his lifetime, Maj. Beale was a one-man predecessor of the Leechburg Boosters Club of today.

The Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts first organized in Leechburg in 1916, the troop citizen-sponsored. Michael Scanlon was the first scoutmaster. The present Grade School Building was first meeting place.

The second troop came a few years later, with the churches, Knights of Columbus and Fire Department sponsoring troops in the intervening years.

In 1940 the first Cub Pack was formed—sponsored by St. Catherine's, St. Martha's and Church of Assumption. Other churches have since sponsored Packs.

The firemen organized the first Sea Scout Troop—senior unit of Scouting—in 1948.

In early scout history here, men experienced in scouting were not available for executive council, so Armstrong and Butler County Scout activities were grouped in the Butler-Armstrong Council of Boy Scouts. In 1949 a section of Westmoreland County was included and the name changed to Pioneer Trails Council — because of the many Indian and Pioneer trails running through this district.

Early Scout Camps were on Crooked Creek, supported locally. In 1925 the Butler-Armstrong Council established Camp Bu-Co-Co on Slippery Rock Creek. Leechburg Scouts have used this camp. And Leechburg folks have contributed generously to its maintenance.

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burg Boy Scouts shared in the emergency hospital work in the flu epidemic; were in World War I and II bond drives; the relief work in the 1936 Flood; the Memorial Day parades and were guides and messengers during the filling of the blood bank.

Boosters Club

In 1945, organized interest in athletics was slipping in Leechburg. The high school had no suitable field on which to stage its competitions.

It was in a banquet of the Business and Professional Men's Bowling teams that Councilman Jerome O. Maher brought up the question of a Boosters Club.

It clicked. First meeting was May 31, 1945 with W. Edgar Groves, president; Mr. Maher, vice president; George Old, secretary and Fred Clawson, treasurer.

The club got busy and backed to a man a special bond issue in the November election that year which would permit construction of what is now Veterans Memorial Field—a "living memorial" to Leechburg's servicemen and servicewomen.

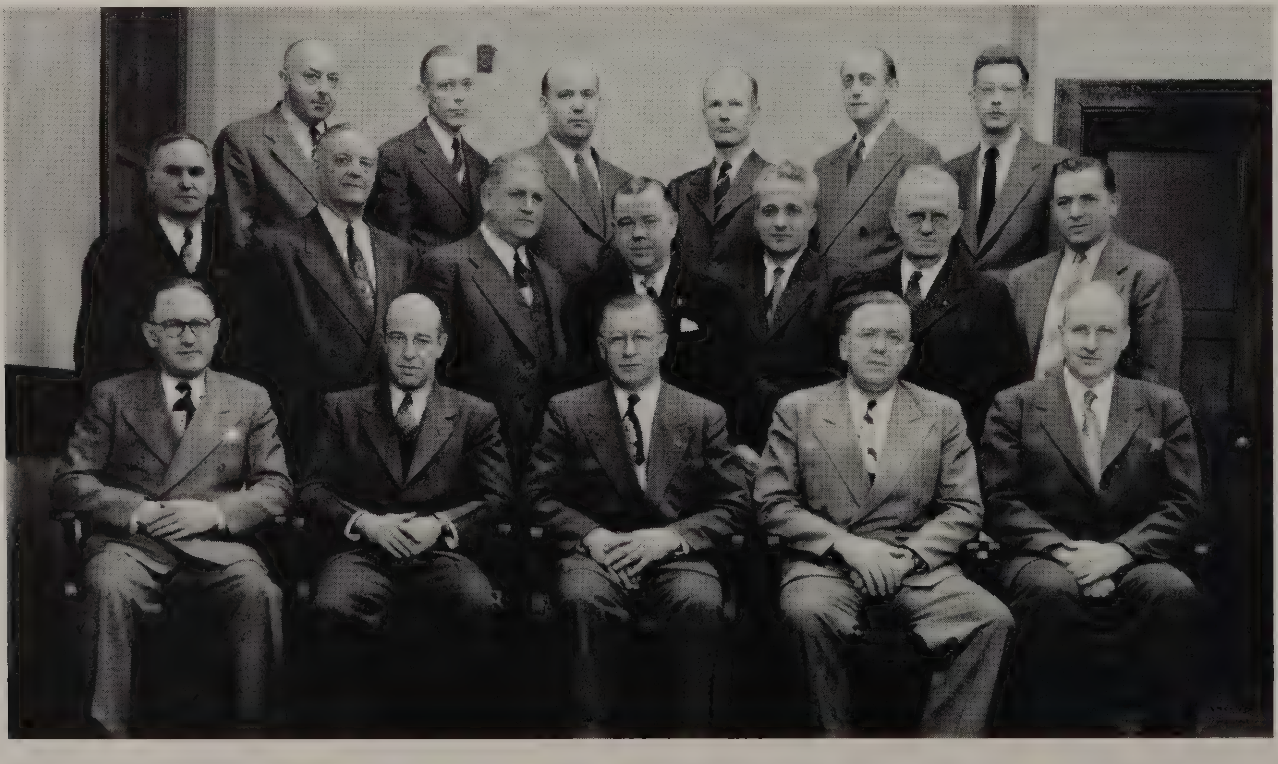
Old and young enjoying a winter sport of skating on the Boosters Club Pond.

The club was incorporated as a non-profit corporation April 10, 1947—its purpose the encouragement of all branches of athletics in schools, the promotion of good scholarship and good fellowship.

Now over 1,000 members, it owns and operates the Boosters Ice Skating Pond, the Hallowe'en celebration and less conspicuous endeavors.

The motto is "Doers."

Mr. Groves is "Mr. Booster," having been president five times while Mr. Clawson is still treasurer and secretary now is Walter Slonaker.



Officers and Directors of the Boosters Club. Back row, left to right—Parker D. Baker, Bruce Armstrong, Dom Favero, F. G. Benford, William Mohrhusen, Joseph Wray. Center row—Joseph Vereb, Duncan McCallum, Thomas Groves, James L. Myers, Sam Catalino, John E. McGeary, Louis Phillips. Front row—Fred Clawson, Walter D. Slonaker, Edgar Groves, President; Benjamin Glenn and Jerome Maher.

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> The development and encouragement of educational growth and progress.
>
> Making the Borough of Leechburg, Pennsylvania a better community in which to live.

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> By promoting and encouraging the construction of Leechburg's creditable athletic plant, Veterans Memorial Field, used and enjoyed by thousands of sports participants and spectators.
>
> By constructing and operating the ice-skating area near Weinel's crossroads for healthful winter recreation for area young people.
>
> By cooperating with civic organizations in community events and activities.
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> By encouraging the ideals of good sportsmanship, good citizenship, and unselfish service to the community.

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Fraternal Life

Living in Leechburg is tied up in home, church, school, work and clubs.

The town is replete with fraternal, social, service, business, professional, cultural, political, beneficial and civic organizations.

They've done much—more than one book could tell. The key of all has been good citizenship—help for their fellow men.

Elks

Lodge 377 of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks organized June 18, 1897. On petition for a charter to Grand Lodge, the rule was 5,000 population. Leechburg didn't have it—but by including Hyde Park, Freeport and intervening territory, they raised the 5,000.

Of 33 charter members, David A. McGeary remains. Now there are 378 members. First officers were: Dr. J. D. Orr, W. Simpson, W. S. Fiscus, F. R. Geary, S. C. Hepler, J. B. Crookshanks, J. M. Anderson, Dr. Jason Carson, George L. Teeters, A. W. Ashbaugh, M. E. Haddock, Dr. U. D. Heilman and J. A. Bowers.

John W. Taylor is Exalted Ruler now with these other officers — Kenneth K. Long, Turney L. Fair, William Russell, Eugene Willkow, Syd J. Bennett, M. A. Dentici, Harold N. Clements, James M. Stevenson, John L. Gosser, Jr., Wayne M. Moore, R. B. Dietrich, Claude E. Hill, S. E. Fryer and C. O. Morris.

The Elks met temporarily in the I.O.O.F. hall, have been in their permanent home, Second and Market Sts., since 1909. Through the years it has enabled numerous underprivileged and handicapped to be educated through the Elks' National Foundation.

Rotary Club

Now 25 years old, being founded May 4, 1925 with John W. Rohrer of Kittanning, parent club, presenting the charter to Dr. S. J. McMains, first president.

Officers now are Ted Breman, president; R. W. Knoff, vice president; W. Clark Coy, secretary and J. Bruce Armstrong, treasurer. There were 15 charter members—40 active now, with John McGeary the only living charter member.

It helps the crippled, has financed over 500 minor operations on needy children; sponsored charity drives and given equipment to Leechburg schools. It met first in Penn-Lee hotel; meets there Tuesday evenings now.

Lions Club

Sponsored by Vandergrift Lions, the Leechburg Lions Club was chartered in April, 1948; has 55 active members—a 60 limit.

It has purchased 42 pair of eye glasses; a typewriter for a blind person; obtained a position for a needy blind man and given hospital assistance to a long suffering girl, threatened with blindness.

Meets Tuesday evenings in Old Mansion and charter officers were Joseph Vereb, Guy Oglietti, Clayton

The Lions Club

The Town's Oldest Service Club

LEECHBURG ROTARY

Is proud to observe its 25th Birthday
as Leechburg Celebrates its 100th Anniversary

During its 25 years of activity, the Leechburg Rotary Club has strived to harbor the motto of Rotary International, "Service Above Self." It is proud to have contributed in numerous ways towards the improvement and advancement of the Community. Leechburg Rotarians are proud to salute this Community on its 100 years of progress.

OUR 25th YEAR

First Row, left to right: John McGeary, William Ritchie, Rev. Wallace McGeoch, W. Clark Coy, secretary; Ted Breman, president; R. W. Knoff, vice president; Bruce Armstrong, treasurer; Robert Noel and John Gosser, Sr.

Second Row: Howard Bierer, Regis Myers, Louis Phillips, Dr. John Welsh, Charles Seita, Edgar Groves, Frank Firestine, Myer Braun and Arthur Dupstadt.

Third Row: Robert Gosser, William Austin, Henry Hall, James Myers, Eugene McCormick, Earl Bash, Walter Slonaker, Lloyd Ashbaugh, Charles Messner and Ben Glenn.

Back Row: William Cline, Ed Watters, Jr., Robert Tench, Joe Wray, William Mohrhusen, Ward Stitt, Harry Parks and William Phillips.

McHenry, Eugene Weimer, Milton Rubin, Dale Hawk, Earl Freilino, James Preto, Milan Martinisko, Harold Quillen and Fred Clawson.

Present officers—George Glenn, Dom Favero, Joseph Boario, Jerome O. Maher, Milton Rubin, Bernard Getto, Michael Cibik, Samuel Mognet, Harold Clements, George McKallip, Frank Fiori and James Bono.

Free and Accepted Masons

Leechburg Lodge No. 577, F. & A. M. was founded May 9, 1889 in Odd Fellows Hall, Market and Third Sts. It met other places but moved to its present Masonic Home, Market St. and Spring Alley in February, 1925. This home was in the Leech family.

The Corinthian Club was formed in 1910—a social order for all Masons in Leechburg and vicinity. Many members have been active in the country's defense—war and peace. Records show Lt. H. W. Bolar was presented a sword Aug. 11, 1898, while in the Spanish-American War.

There were 16 charter members; 163 now. First officers were: Lorenza D. James, John P. Klingensmith, Robert P. Hunter, Charles A. Hill, Isaac T. Klingensmith, while the present officers are Curtis W. Kapp, Earl R. Cogley, Edwin F. Harter, F. Earle Bash and Paul N. Slonaker.

Knights of Pythias

Chartered by Congress on principles of friendship, charity and benevolence, the Knights of Pythias was founded in Washington Feb. 19, 1864. Leechburg Lodge No. 250 was organized 25 years later— on June 22, 1889 with the help of Armstrong Lodge No. 412 of Apollo.

First elected officers were G. W. Mansteil, H. F. Rishier, S. A. George, Frank Duff, R. S. Free, G. McLaughlin, Frank Truxel, W. W. Wolford, D. W. Jones and Mr. Lightcap. Officers now are F. E. Lange, Robert Burlando, Duane Painter, Clarence Grantz, James E. Clark, Elsworth Beers, Clayton Shaner, E. A. Stull, Nathan Clarkin and Cecil B. Kipp.

Mr. Stull has attained a Grand Lodge office, being the Grand Prelate now.

Members with 25 or more years service are J. M. Wray, life member; Hiram Hill, Frank Brothers, E. J. Myers and E. Beers.

COMPLIMENTS OF . . .

Post No. 266

American Legion

Compliments of

William Marconi Lodge

FOUNDED IN 1911

135 Canal Street
LEECHBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Congratulations to

Leechburg

on its

100th Anniversary

Marconi Lodge

The William Marconi Lodge of Mutual Benefit was incorporated Feb. 7, 1911—named for the Italian inventor of wireless telegraph.

The lodge seal and emblem were designed by Secondo Freilino—the design on the seal being of a transmitting tower, receiving tower and liner at sea

There were 383 charter members; 786 now. First officers were Giovanni Bertieri, Battista Sorisio. Ignazio Graziano, Antonio Dezutti, Antonio Favero, Albert Chardonet, John Logero and Richard Graziano.

Officers now are Andrew Sipalino, Joseph Maridon, Peter Canale, Robert Antoniella, Henry Pfoi, John Logero, Robert Vota, John Bonatti, Nello Guazelli, Tony Arduino, Tony Cuffia, Peter Verbena, William Margherio and John Bolognia.

The lodge has always been in Canal St. It sponsors baseball, mushball and bowling teams; of its members 45 were in World War I; 206 in World War II in which six gave their lives in defense of United States.

The lodge erected a chapel to its veteran members in St. Catherine's cemetery in 1942; held a Veterans' Homecoming celebration with banquet for 650 in 1946.

In 1949 a new hall with 500 seating capacity and latest equipment was built. It is the largest hall of its kind in Leechburg.

John Castelnuovo, who had been president and held other offices in Marconi Lodge for more than 25 years, retired from the presidency this year after seeing the new hall completed. He was given a testimonial dinner.

Moose

Leechburg Lodge No. 102 of the Loyal Order of Moose was founded Sept. 13, 1909 with Frank Isensee and R. J. Fennell the first officers.

Officers now are Clarence D. West, governor and James Cavelgia, secretary. Charter members 48; now 396. First meetings were in the Anthony Favero building. It purchased the Parr property in Center Ave. in 1916, but continued to hold meetings in the GAR Hall until 1917.

Present home, 102 Market St., was remodeled in

GREETINGS FROM

LOYAL ORDER of MOOSE No. 102

AND

WOMEN of the MOOSE No. 873

GREETINGS FROM THE—

William Marconi Lodge

Ladies Auxiliary

THE

Fraternal Order of Eagles

LEECHBURG AERIE No. 1910

122 Market Street
LEECHBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Is proud to be a part of this Progressive Community and joins with others in extending

CONGRATULATIONS on its CELEBRATION

of the

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION

The local lodge was instituted October 23, 1909, being a unit of a National organization giving sick and death benefits to its members and their families.

It also provides homes and aid for orphans, widows and needy members through its Memorial Foundation.

The Ladies Auxiliary is an active organization working in conjunction with the parent lodge.

OFFICERS 1949-1950

Worthy President	Glenn Klingensmith
Worthy Vice-President	William Grimm
Past Worthy President	Victor Balbo
Secretary	Frank Blake
Treasurer	Robert Vogel
Chaplain	Robert Stull
Conductor	Jacob Israel

Trustees: Wilbur Davis, Mario Odasso, Harold Peterman

1949. Prominent in the lodge's work in the early years—1910 through 1918—were Harry Parks, Lloyd Parks, R. L. Klingensmith, C. E. Smith, John S. Gray, S. M. Knepshield, D. C. McCallum, William Gosser, Harry Vogel, James Hunt and L. R. Markle.

Active members now—all past officers—are Joseph Vereb, Jr., Clyde Solada, Roy Kipp, Thomas Gibbon. Jr., J. E. Rose, Lloyd Parks, Robert S. Gray.

Past secretaries were R. J. Fennell, L. R. Markle, Charles E. Smith, Hiram Hill and Robert Stull.

Eagles

From 59 charter members at the founding on Oct. 23, 1909, Leechburg Lodge No. 1910 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has grown to 861 in 1950.

Ed Gwinn was first appointed Past Worthy President; E. W. Campbell first temporary president; J. Golden the first Worthy President and Frank Cline the first secretary. First installation was by Freeport Aerie No. 1732.

Present officers are: Glenn P. Klingensmith, president; William L. Grimm, Victor Balbo, Robert C. Stull, Robert Vogel, Frank Blake, Jacob Israel, Joseph Barello, Lawrence Klingensmith, Wilber Davis, Mario Odasso and Harold Peterman.

The Eagles was first located at 125 Canal St. but in April, 1937 moved to the Catalino Bldg., 122 Market St., extensively redecorated since. Four members today were charter members—John Spratt, Alex Nicholson, Charles Smail and Ed Gwinn.

Odd Fellows

Leechburg Lodge No. 651 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was instituted March 12, 1869 in the old Academy Bldg., where Hebron Lutheran Church is now.

First officers were: R. W. Hunter, John P. Klingensmith, Lewis Bowers, R. V. Ashbaugh and Israel Klingensmith, while charter members were John H. Riggle, David Jack, Joseph S. Klingensmith, Isiah Klingensmith, David Heckman, Henry Bowers, John Shirey, A. J. Schall, J. C. Schall, William Grinder, J. F. Truby, D. B. Ashbaugh, G. W. Burkit and Joseph Bowers.

From the Academy, they were in a room over what's now McGeary's Hardware store. Later they built the three-story brick building now owned and occupied

COMPLIMENTS OF

Leechburg Lions

Greetings from

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 377

CHARTERED IN 1897

CHARTER MEMBERS

M. E. HADDOCK
L. T. FISCUS
N. F. WHITLINGER
T. C. KNOX
W. S. FISCUS
R. F. GEARY
DR. J. D. ORR
J. E. SPEER
G. B. TOWNSEND
J. M. ANDERSON
SAM KLINGENSMITH
J. B. CROOKSHANKS
GEO. L. TEETERS
W. J. CARNAHAN
HARRY WIESING
DR. JASON CARSON

DR. U. O. HEILMAN
J. OLIVER SAUNDERS
J. A. BOWERS
DR. JOHN B. CARSON
J. W. CROSBY
W. SIMPSON FISCUS
E. T. JACK
H. W. FISCUS
E. W. GUTHRIDGE
A. W. ASHBAUGH
S. C. HEPLER
LEE N. BUSH
JOHN F. TEETERS
CHAS. E. HANNA
W. M. SOBER
W. B. MILLER

DAVID A. McGEARY*

*Only living charter member.

by Querio Motors at First and Market Sts., dedicating it March 2, 1889.

Again a three-story building was purchased in Market St. July 2, 1919. It had lodge rooms on the third, stores on the first, auditorium and basketball court on the second. Fire destroyed this building Dec. 30, 1939. And in 1940 the present building was constructed and dedicated on the same site.

The lodge has 104 members and officers are John R. Lessig, Theodore Donahey, Z. D. Rankin and C. A. Schall. H. S. DeWitt, John E. Knepshield and George E. Yingst have been members more than 50 years.

Since the founding 876 members have been enrolled and the lodge has contributed more than $76,000 in benefits to members, Orphans Homes and Homes for the Aged.

United Mine Workers

Local 6385 of the UMW was organized in 1933 with John Fragola president and Tony Arduino secretary. There were 165 charter members; 120 now. Andrew Yurga is president now, Howard Schaffer, vice president; Tony Arduino still recording secretary; Joseph Querio, financial secretary and Pete Deandy, treasurer, The lodge has always been at 127 Canal St.

Slovak American Political Association

Organized in March, 1926 with Andy Martinisko, Steve Minyarik, James Cibik, Andrew Pastra, Frank Vorko, John Martinisko, Sr. and Victor Martinisko first officers.

Present officers are Steve Minyarik, Sr., Adam Havanec, Joseph Masnica, John J. Minyarik, Charles J. Cibik, James Cibik, Joseph Martinisko and Emil Martinisko.

First meetings were in the Canal St. Hotel with present location 103 Third St. It chartered 100 members; has 350 now. It promotes athletics and social activities; gives instruction in United States Government. It had a champion baseball team in 1930—only Kiski Valley team to beat Homestead Grays.

Distillery Workers Local Union 266

Was first organized May 1, 1937 as United Distillery Workers Local Industrial Union Nov. 3 of the CIO and first officers were George Tantlinger, Gerald Mc-

Compliments of

A. CATALINO

Serving You For Thirty Years

Rear of 224 Main Street

LEECHBURG, PA.

We Congratulate All Local and
Former Residents of

LEECHBURG

For Having Reached Its

100th ANNIVERSARY

◆

SLOVAK-AMERICAN
Citizens Political Association

OF

LEECHBURG, PA.

Queen, Alfred Rizzo, Joseph Pesci, Pat Carroll, Charles Moyer, Uly Schreckengost, Raymond Young.

On June 2, 1948 it affiliated with the International Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers of America—short title, Distillery Workers Local Union 266.

Officers now are George Coward, Francis Doyle, Domenic Ravotti, Vincent Tate, Paul Carroll, William Stover, John Zema, Emerson Brewer, John Prato, Guy Greenwalt, Frank Arbush, Paul McCanna, Robert Carpen, George Tantlinger, Anna Livengood, Robert McCanna.

Average membership is 1,000. They're employed by Joseph S. Finch & Co., Schenley, and in the cafeteria there. Union offices are at 86 First St.

United Steelworkers of America

Local Union No. 1138 organized March 7, 1937 with James Couch, Frank Feeney, Joseph Vereb, Henry Gump, Harold Ashbaugh, John Julius, James Barello and Ed Sadler the first officers.

First offices were at 128 Second St.; now 86 First St. There were 25 charter members; 2,225 now.

Present officers are: John R. Allera, Robert L. Ashbaugh, Kenneth C. Dill, Ellsworth Beer, John J. Julius, Patrick Gasbarro, Henry Gump, Leonard Sourwine, Sam Catalino, Julius Grajczar and Raymond Skinner.

First agreement with Allgheny Ludlum was March 25, 1937. In 1947 there was an Insurance plan, paid for by the company. In 1949 came a pension plan and a liberalized insurance plan, with employe participation.

1869 1950

Leechburg Lodge No. 651

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

(Wanda Rebekah No. 430)

Visitors Are Always Welcome

1912 1950

GREETINGS . . .

Distillery Workers Local

Union No. 266

LEECHBURG, PA.

Armstrong County Industrial Union Council

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR OF 1950

President	Norm Huselton
Vice President	George Mamros
Recording Secretary	John Julius
Financial Secretary	Paul Fasser
Treasurer	Raymond Skinner
Trustee	Leonard Sourwine
Trustee	Anthony Onofrey
Trustee	Frank Shaffer

DELEGATES—ALTERNATES

LEECHBURG
Local No. 1138

DELEGATES

Ellsworth Beer
George Mamros
Robert Ashbaugh
Merle C. Richardson
John J. Julius
Ray W. Gordon
Julius Grajczar
Patrick Gasbarro
Leonard Sourwine
Raymond Skinner

ALTERNATES

James Jones
Joseph Roppolo
Ralph Sam Blake
Kenneth Clowes

HYDE PARK
Local No. 1324

DELEGATES

Gabriel Motillo
Richard Kennedy
Thomas Hepburn
Oscar Stivason

ALTERNATES

Joseph Shaffer
D. C. Beck
Arped Morvay
John Eshelman
Jim Waltenbaugh

FORD CITY
Local No. 14

DELEGATES

Joseph Lunz
Anthony Onofrey
Albert Johnson
Frank Shaffer
Jacob Szul
Frank Hassa
Metro Turko
Norman Huselton

ALTERNATES

Francis McCabe
Peter J. Bernot

APOLLO
Local No. 206

DELEGATES

Ray Lambing
E. L. Stitt
James Sarver
Lee Claypool
Ralph Wilson
Paul J. Fasser

ALTERNATES

Preston Busch
Dione McCausland
John Burns
Willard Devilling
George Clever

SCHENLEY
Local No. 266

DELEGATES

Thomas Carroll
Domenic Ravotti
Domenic Nigro
John A. Atkinson
Wilbur Davis
William Stover
Leonard Walters
Emerson Brewer
Guy Greenwalt
John Prato
Philip Doyle
Robert Frick

ALTERNATES

William Snyder
John Filous
Eugene Henderson
Walter Robinson
Francis Doyle
Leroy Wasson

LOGANSPORT
Local No. 267

DELEGATES

Lee Ruffner
Allan Crosby
James Beale
John Laux
Mathew Kral
William Waugaman
Paul Tranvsky, Jr.

Italian Miners Association

This was founded in July 1900, court-chartered in Kittanning with A. Maridon first president and Domenick Antoniella, secretary. Robert Antoinella of Hyde Park was secretary for many years. A principal event was in 1902—the baptizing of the American and Italian Flags at High Mass in St. Catherine's Church.

This was the first association among Italians to provide help in case of accidents or death among miners.

American Hungarian Citizens Association

Was organized Sept. 15, 1929 with 52 members; has 320 now. Andrew Zargo, Steve Shavensky, Steve Kundrak, John Simon, Sr., Peter Talloram, Sr. and Andrew Laszlo were first officers. Its home is in Georgetown.

The association now supports two boys and a girl, between five and eight, in Hungary. Surplus funds of the organization have gone into food, clothing and other supplies for the relief of war victims in Hungary.

The group was cited for its war bond sales in World War II. It contributes to Hungarian churches in the community; all Red Cross, Scouts, Salvation Army and other needy causes.

Present officers—Steve Shavensky, Andrew Takacs, Paul Tallarom, Andrew Zargo, Zigmund Bartha, Victor Danka, Joseph Soltesz, Joseph Kantor, Sr., Joseph Wagner, Frank Shavensky, Anna Catherine Wagner.

St. Andrew Society

Is now located at 103 Third St., having organized April 8, 1908 for care of the poor with Andrew Warsawa, Stephen Slucka, Joseph Luciak, John Martinisko, James Prekop, Joseph Banichar, Andrew Petrek, Joseph Bisaha first officers. Officers now—James Prekop, Joseph Masnica, Frank Masnica, Joseph Jantosik, Martin Chovanes, Andrew Pastra and Paul Masnica. It has 77 members.

Slovak Gymnastic Union

This Sokol Assembly No. 255 was formed in the basement of the Welsh Bldg. April 10, 1916—12 charter members; now 99 men, 86 women and 91 junior members.

Charles Kalnik, Vincent Basko, Andrew Kalnik, Blazej Pagac and Stephen Bayza were first officers and today they're—Charles Magdik, Joseph Pecus, Leopold Cibik, Edward Cibik, Joseph Walko, Andrew Cambal, Joseph Pastirik, Andrew Chovanes, Vincent Dobro-

Leechburg's Business and Professional Women's Club

Mrs. Zella B. West, President
Mrs. Margaret Gosser, Vice President
Mrs. Iona Thompson, Recording Sec'y.
Mrs. Elizabeth Pert, Corresponding Sec'y.
Mrs. Mary Vacca, Treasurer
Mrs. Hazel MacBurney, Assistant Treas.

OUR MEMBERS — Mrs. Loveen Albright, Mrs. Martha S. Meidius, Mrs. Beatrice Baker, Mrs. Irene Balash, Joanna Barr, Mrs. Goldie Breman, Mrs. Rose Breman, Mrs. Kathleen M. Bright, Edna A. Campbell, Mrs. Ida Carpenter, Mrs. Ethel L. Crosby, Mrs. Anna Mae Dentici, Mrs. Winefred Doyle, Mrs. Stella Favero, Jennie Ferrorotti, Madeline Ferrorotti, Lillian M. George, Millicent Girt, Mrs. Marie Hancock, Mrs. Jessie Heilman, Mrs. Dolly Kirk, Josephine Kirk, Mrs. Rosalie Lange, Mrs. Margaret Kundrak, Margaurite Liverone, Mrs. Charolette Long, Betty Jane McGeary, Mrs. Veronica Magherio, Mary E. Martinisko, Jean Orndoff, Mrs. Divina Seita, LaRea Shoop, Lyda Jane Shuster, Mrs. Anna K. Underhill, Mrs. Mamie Vacca, Mrs. Dorothy Wagner, Mrs. Gertrude West, Mrs. Pauline Wray and Mrs. Dean Zimmerman.

Greetings from the

Women's Benefit Association Review No. 138

LODGE:

Loggia Giovanna D'Arco No. 1086

(DAUGHTERS OF ITALY LODGE)

Organized July 4, 1921

OUR BUILDING

BEST WISHES FOR
ANOTHER 100 YEARS
OF
PROGRESS
FROM

The American-Hungarian Citizens Association of Leechburg

OFFICERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION

In the upper group we show, seated, l. to r.—Paul Tallarom, Andrew Zargo, Steve Shavensky, Zigmun Bartha, Joseph Kantor, Sr. Standing are Steve Kundrak, Joseph Wagner, Sr., Arthur Chernay, Steve Szuch and Joseph Soltesz.

In the lower panel group of four are, Andrew Tackacs, Frank Shavensky, Victor Danka and Joseph Vereb.

denka, Stephen Prekop. Augustina Stano is gym instructor.

Present home is 55 Siberian Ave. Its fundamental purpose is body building through gymnastics. A six-man team was the nucleus of this endeavor. Later it participated in the Sokol convention in Homestead in 1916.

The Sokol moved from the Welsh Bldg., now Dezutti Bldg. to the hotel building in Canal St., now Marconi Lodge. Present home was purchased from the Allshouse heirs; the new building constructed in 1925—cost $35,000.

An auxiliary formed in 1922, the Junior branch later—ages six to 16. Now Juniors from a day old to 16 are admitted. At 16 they transfer to either the men or women's groups.

White Shrine of Jerusalem

Immanuel Shrine No. 19 of this order began here Feb. 9, 1921 and Edith E. Welsh, Ralph Woodward and Ida Miller were first officers. Now the officers are Florence Saulters, Harriet Owens and Ella Klingensmith.

Meetings are in I.O.O.F. hall. In the beginning, a number of men were members. It's now limited to women. There are 122 members; 149 originally and of these, 12 are still in the Shrine.

Dames of Malta

Leechburg Sisterhood No. 172 organized May 18, 1920 with 38 women. It has 83 now. Meetings are and have been in the I.O.O.F. hall.

First officers—from Protector to Sister Second Guard—were: Ellen McCormick, Nettie Deemer, Oakie McCormick, Orzilla Morrison, Katherine Barbour, Catherine Bowers, Katherine Morrison, Edna Shumaker, Mina Mae Ednie, Jennie Lyle, Margaret Thomas, Bertha Beer, Lillian McCormick, Alverna Morrison, Mary Stull.

The organization has 34 Past Protectors—Mrs. McCormick was the first. Present officers—Eileen Vogel, Alice Shearer, Iona Shaffer, Edna Lines, Roberta Klingensmith, Hazel Peterman, Ethel Beatty, Anna Kline, Aline Ashbaugh, Mary Louise Shearer, Gertrude Ashbaugh, Margaret Lessig, Jane Grantz, Roxena Fryer, Margaret Hill, Violet Reid, Mildred Sober, Stella Smeltzer and Edith Brust.

Women of the Moose

This group organized in Leechburg Oct. 21, 1925 under the name "Mooseheart Legion." It was changed to present title in 1933. Membership is 170, originally 15. Four of the latter are still members—Antoinette Alt, Mattie Wagg, Mary Roberts and Gertie Beer.

The organization meeting was in Smail's Hall with election of these original officers — Bertha White, Domenica Conto, Mary Roberts, Mattie Wagg, Tressa Nardy, Caroline Bonella, Naomi Shick, Alice Wilson, Mary Parks and Bertha McLane.

Today officers are: Margaret Crofutt, Edith McKee, Pearl Haddon, Louella Piersan, Blanche Ridenour, Mary Roberts, Vera Carney, Ethel Baylor, Flossie McGee, Dorothy Clevenger, and Emma Klingensmith.

Business and Professional Women

Came into existence in Leechburg in Nov. 1947, sponsored by Kittanning. Later Leechburg and Kittanning sponsored the Freeport club. The Leechburg club had 27 members; now 45.

Original officers were Milicent Girt, Zella B. West, Jean Orndoff, Gretna Bollinger, Beatrice Baker, Mary Vacca. Today officers are: Zella B. West, Margaret Gosser, Iona Thompson, Elizabeth Pert, Mary Vacca and Hazel McBurney. It meets in the Penn Grill; is part of an international organization.

Woman's Benefit Association

This group was first organized as the "Lady Maccabees" on March 15, 1897 by Mrs. Harriet M. Ellsworth. First meetings were in member homes. Now meetings are in the I.O.O.F. hall and a junior group of 60 has been added—with 174 adults.

Mabel Van Geisen, Harriett Fiscus, Edithe Saunders, Lola Ruth Klingensmith were the first officers.

Today they're Edna Stull, Margaret Hill, Ruth Fryer, Elizabeth Pert, Pauline Reed, Flora Phillips, Dolly Kirk, Jane Grantz, Margaret Lessig, Dolly Rob-

GREETINGS FROM

Leechburg Sisterhood

No. 172

Dames of Malta

inson, Roxena Fryer, Stella Smeltzer, Lois Sober, Eileen Vogel and Aline Ashbaugh.

Order of Eastern Star

Leechburg Chapter 238 was constituted June 4, 1917 and Mrs. Aline S. Butler, Mrs. Ida St. Clair Fiscus, Mrs. Edith E. Welsh, Mrs. J. Hazel Henderson, Norman H. Henderson, Miss Blanche Knepshield and Mrs. Mary McCracken were first officers.

Beginning with 38 members it has 138 now. Meetings have always been in the I.O.O.F. Hall and today's officers are Mrs. Lila Stitt, Mrs. Catherine Moir, Mrs. Irene Meess, Miss Agnes Baird, Mrs. Isabelle M. Souders and Mrs. Zula Findley.

WCTU

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has been one of the quiet but effective organizations since Sept. 19, 1900. Meetings are in homes, with 18 now but originally 28 charter members. Mrs. Ella Smail, Mrs. Mina Trout, Mrs. Clara Marshall were first officers while today they are Mrs. Laura Gosser, Rosella Butler and Mrs. Margaret Hill.

Monday Clubs

Starting with 22 members, now 45, Monday Club organized in 1905 to bring together women interested in literature for mental culture.

It has gone beyond this and helps in civic work and contributes to benevolent and philanthropic activities.

Mrs. J. S. Helm was president first with the following other officers—Mrs. U. O. Heilman, Mrs. T. J. Van Geisen, Mrs. M. Luther Zwcizig and Mrs. William M. Bucholz. Today they're Mrs. N. I. Craig, Mrs. John W. Taylor, Mrs. William Greenleaf, Mrs. John E. Findley, Mrs. Clyde Williams. Meetings are in the Corinthian Club on Mondays.

Junior Monday Club

In 1933 there was formed a Junior Monday Club with officers being Mrs. Tai Filer, Marguerite Welsh, Mary Lee Cowan, Isabel Swanson, Margaret McKeag. They had 19 original members; 42 now. The club has donated $50 to the playground.

Officers today are Audrey Schrecengost, Dorothy Harter, Ruby Zack, Ruth Grimm, Helen Laine and Jeanne Findley.

Congratulations to Leechburg from

Jr. Monday Club

On Your 100th Anniversary

The Woman's Club

This group of women was first brought together in 1927 in the home of Mrs. H. M. Welsh assisted by Mrs. J. D. Orr, Mrs. S. J. McMains and Mrs. Paul Slonaker.

They were members of the Monday Club and the new organization first became the Junior Monday Club, later the Junior Women's Club while the third designation is the present one. It meets in the Corinthian Club. It limited membership to 25 in the beginning, when meetings were in homes.

Now there are 69. First officers—Mrs. A. P. Manning, Mrs. J. A. Sproull, Mrs. Fred Mohney, Mrs. Paul E. Cline and Miss Clara Andrees while present officers are—Mrs. Harry M. Bigley, Mrs. George Rowan, Mrs. Eugene Kallay, Mrs. James Eagleson, Miss Jean Cullen.

First advisory board—Mrs. John Fansler, Mrs. Joseph Wilson and Mrs. Ford Mohney. Directors today are Mrs. Edward Groves, Mrs. Harry Ashbaugh and Miss Veronica Ralston.

National Slovak Society

Branch 168 of this society opened Dec. 2, 1894, first locating in Bagdad with 14 members — a fraternal organization paying sick and death benefits. First officers were Steve Sivak, Steve Jancula, Martin Jancula and Charles Figus. There are 159 members today with offices at 103 Canal St. and officers today are Adam Hovanec, Andrew Martinisko, Frank Matuscin and John Zborovan, Sr.

"Jednota"

This Branch 600 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, organized to perpetuate the doctrines of the Holy Roman Catholic Faith, was founded in St. Martha's Church Oct. 14, 1909 with 33 members and first officers were Stephen J. Remsik, Stephen Lukac, Joseph Novosat and Alexander Dobrodenka.

There are 110 adult members, 56 children with Andrew J. Chovanes, Andrew Cambal, Joseph Pecus, Vincent Cibik, Mary R. Chovanes, Mary Cambal, Anna Sulava, John Mago and Frank Vorko the present officers. Meetings are in Slovak Sokol Hall.

Ladies Gymnastic Sokol

Founded in May 1925 at Slovak Sokol Hall with these officers — Marie Cibic, Helen Pagac, Lena Pochiber, Mary Mazur, Josephine Pecus, Grace Chepel, Pauline Dobrodenka. There were 23 members then; 86 today with present officers—Mary G. Cambal, Mary Churik, Anna Dobrodenka, Marie Cibik, Mary R. Chovanes, Veronica Rubus and Mary Rendak.

Daughters of Italy

Beginning with 25, now 60 members the Daughters of Italy Lodge was founded July 4, 1921.

First officers—Mrs. Margaret Maridon, Mrs. Josephine Bonello, Maria Conto, Maria Vallino, Maria Maridon, Matilda Oglietti, Maria Barello, Margaret Peila, Madalena Pezzana, Catherine Cuffia, Louise Conto, Julia Gallino, Sarah Catalino and Teresina Audo.

It meets in CIO Hall, First St. and is affiliated with Sons of Italy. Now it is working with the Philadelphia Grand Lodge to build an orphanage in Cassino, Italy. This organization also purchased the statue, "The Pieta," at the entrance of the new St. Catherine's Church. The organization maintains a home for aged and orphans; pays sick and death benefits.

Today's officers are Rose Guagnano, Aleda G. Favero, Maria Seren, Viola Logero, Rosa Vallosio, Maria Catalino, Louise Allero, Domenica Mondello, Mary Regis Roppolo, Domenica Roppolo, Christine Castigliano, Louise Bonello, Lina Catalino, Mary Vallino and Margherita Trogolo.

Eagles Auxiliary

This Leechburg group began with 151 charter mem-

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bers—largest Eagles Auxiliary in Pennsylvania Ethel A. Baylor was the organizer on Feb. 16, 1947. Jane Grantz, Helen Pollera, Catherine Masneca, Mary Roberts, Ethel Baylor, Betty Gordon, Edith McKee. Margaret Crofutt, Julia Page, Edna Stitt and Elizabeth Pert held the first offices.

There are 118 members now and officers are Evelyn Shellhammer, Edith McKee, Etta Israel, Edna Stitt, LaVerne Grimm, Evelyn Crawford, Mary Roberts, Lois Henry, Ethel Baylor and Gertie Beers.

Marconi Auxiliary

Virginia Sipilino, Louisa Bonello, Mary E. Defilippi, Lucia Guzollia, Allucia Logero were first officers of this women's group when it organized April 26, 1949 with 237 members. It has 260 now and Secondina Castelunova is president with these other officers—Virginia Sipilino, Angeline Muzo, Mary Vacca, Alluna Garrone, Mary C. Defilippi, Lydia Maridon and Camilla Zana.

Catholic Daughters of America

Next year this organization, Court Leechburg 1000 will celebrate its silver anniversary, having been organized by Freeport Court June 27, 1926 for the promotion of benevolence, social welfare, education and religion.

It began with 39, has 91 members now. First officers—Mary Favero Vigna, Katherine Cassidy, Louise Allera, Ida O'Neill, Catherine O'Neil, Veronica Ralston, Yolanda Goglio, Secondina Castelnouvo, Rose Guagnano, Vinzinz Walheim, Margaret Favero, Theresa Nardy, Alice Cassidy, Catherine Gwinn, Mary Stefanik and Julia Catalino.

First meetings were in Smail's Hall; are now in I.O.O.F. Bldg. and officers are Margaret Henderson, Hannah Werthman, Louise Allera, Rose Gasbarro, Caroline Castigliano, Amelia Aiello, Dorothy Kroll, Domenica Roppolo, Mary Bashline, Patty Kaminski, Christine Castigliano, Mary Oglietti, Eleanor Guagnano, Secondina Castelnouvo, Mary Verderosa and Mary Chiatello.

Hadassah

The Kiski Valley Chapter of this largest Jewish Women's organization in the world (270,000) members), was organized in the Spring of 1920 under the leadership of Mrs. Nettie Gusky with 12 members from Leechburg, Vandergrift and Apollo.

First officers were Mrs. Gusky of Leechburg, president; Mrs. Max Kopelman, Vandergrift, vice president; Mrs. A. Schwartz, Leechburg, secretary and Mrs Aaron Blumenstein, Apollo, treasurer.

Mrs. Ida Breman and Mrs. A. Schwartz, both of Leechburg, are honorary president and vice president, respectively and other officers are Mrs. Nathan Weisband, Apollo, president; Mrs. I. Rubin, Vandergrift, vice president; Mrs. Sydney Bennett, Leechburg, secretary; Mrs. Ted Breman, Leechburg, treasurer and Mrs. Jack Ash, Vandergrift, corresponding secretary.

For 29 years this group of Kiski Valley women have helped greatly the work of Hadassah, particularly the Rotschield Hadassah University Hospital on Mount Scopus, outside Jerusalem. Hadassah also inaugurated a daily lunch for 30,000 children.

Her latest undertaking is the building of the first medical school in Israel. Too, Hadassah is the American agency through which 40,000 persecuted Jewish children of Europe have been welcomed into Israel.

GREETINGS FROM—

"Kiski Valley Chapter Of Hadassah"

Mothers Club

This organization centers its work in Leechburg High School. It organized in 1925 to help students in their social welfare.

Fifteen women started it. There are 65 today. Mrs. Rose Balsinger was the first president, Isabelle Orr, secretary and Ruth Hill, treasurer while today's officers are Mrs. Nellie Young, president; Mrs. Marie Clarke, vice president; Mrs. Leila Henderson, treasurer and Mrs. Dorothy Shick, secretary.

MRS. ROSE BALSINGER
First President of Mothers Club

The Mothers Club always holds the annual football and band banquets.

Girl Scout Council

In 1938 the Women's Club first sponsored the Girl Scouts when Mrs. C. O. Bischoff, Mrs. Clark Coy and Mrs. E. C. McHenry gathered together 24 girls, between 10 and 18. Mrs. E. A. Watters, Jr. and Miss Agnes Baird were first troop leaders. Meetings were in the Municipal Bldg. until the Council organized in 1941 with meetings delegated to churches.

In 1942, Mrs. George W. McKallip and Mrs. James Sproull organized the Brownies, 34 girls between seven and nine. Now there are 74 Brownies and six leaders.

Mrs. Bischoff likewise helped found six other troops in Gilpin and Allegheny Twps. and West Leechburg. She was the first Commissioner of the Girl Scout Council and the other officers were Mrs. E. C. McHenry, Mrs. G. W. McKallip, Mrs. F. E. Bash. Today the Council officers are—Mrs. McKallip, Mrs. Ben Glenn, Mrs. J. A. Sproull and Mrs. Bash.

Wanda Rebekah

This Lodge No. 430 was first organized May 17, 1912 and reorganized some years later. It had 30; now 70 members. First lodge was in the Querio Motor Co. Bldg. but now meetings are in the I.O.O.F. Hall. First officers were Cora Slonaker, Lizzie Shaner, Maria Spang and Lizzie DeWitt. Today the officers are Edna Lines, Violet Reid, Carrie Weinel and Margaret Hill.

The D. A. R.

Fort Hand Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution was founded Dec. 31, 1929 at the home of Mrs.

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Assembly No. 255

55 Siberian Avenue
LEECHBURG, PENNA.

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Leechburg on its 100th Anniversary

LEECHBURG PROMOTES PROGRESS

Slovak Gymnastic Union
Sokol Assembly No. 255 Building

Seated—James Prekop, guard; Andrew Campbell, chairman of the junior branch; Charles Magdik, president; Joseph Pecus, vice president; Joseph Walko, treasurer. Standing—Steve Prekop, steward; Joseph Pastirik, trustee; Andrew Chovanes, trustee; Vincent Dobredenka, trustee. Not shown in picture—Leo Cibik, financial secretary; Edward Cibik, recording secretary.

1. Aims of the organization are to promote physical culture.
2. To educate and instruct its members in the Slovak language and history in order that they acquaint themselves in the democratic traditions of their ancestry and be loyal American citizens of the United States of America.
3. To support progressive literature, the spreading of patriotic spirit, giving of refined entertainments and instructive lectures and to maintain classes of instruction, or schools for juniors.
4. In case of accident, sickness and death, to aid its members and their dependents. The Motto of the SGU is "break through, jump over, but do not crawl under."

Class A, Whole Life, member pays monthly assessments until death. Class B. Twenty Payment Life, member pays monthly assessments for period of 20 years, then ceases to pay dues for mortuary fund, benefits paid at time of death of member.

Class C, Advance Accumulation 20 year Maturity, Member in this class pays Advance Accumulating Assessments and after 20 years of membership in this class, the amount specified in the certificate is payable in cash; if he dies before the 20-year period, benefits in full are paid to the beneficiary in accordance with the certificate.

Juvenile Branch policies are also available.

Joseph Murphy in Vandergrift—women from Apollo, Vandergrift and Leechburg attending. There were 13 charter members with two organizing charter members from Leechburg—Mrs. S. R. Saunders and Mrs. Melissa Jones. There are 50 members now.

Mrs. S. G. Henderson, Mrs. L. M. Ekin, Mrs. Paul Kepple and Mrs. P. S. Tanner were first officers.

This organization has placed a marker at Fort Hand, marked the graves of many Revolutionary soldiers, translated old German Lutheran Church records; sent copies of old church records, bound in books, to Harrisburg and Washington; contributed to DAR schools and Pennsylvania Pines reforestation is a continuing project.

Officers now are Miss Anna B. Johnston, Miss Calla L. Stahlman, Mrs. N. L. George, Mrs. Harry McIntosh, Miss Margaret McGeary, Mrs. Jasper Blystone, Mrs. S. G. Henderson, Miss Angie Marshall, Mrs. J. L. Speer, Mrs. J. C. Stahlman and Mrs. R. B. Riggle.

Voting Machines

Leechburg was among the first small towns in the country to have voting machines. They were used first May 15, 1934. They worked perfectly. Results of two important contests were obtained in an hour after the polls closed.

They saved Armstrong County $300 in election expense that day with four fewer persons needed to count votes.

George M. Riggle and D. E. Collingwood were the first two Republican men to use the machines; Claude Hill, a long-time Justice of the Peace and C. A. Fryer, the first and second Democrats.

Grace Myers was the first Armstrong County woman voter to record a vote on a machine; Mrs. Grant Spiher the second.

The voting machines in Leechburg were the first and only in the county.

The automatic Voting Machine Co. of Jamestown, N. Y. installed the machines and B. V. Anderson, their representative, spent weeks in demonstrating them. He stayed around all that first machine-voting day, but didn't have to repair a machine.

Officers and Members

COURT LEECHBURG No. 1000

Catholic Daughters of America

—Extends—

Birthday Congratulations on

LEECHBURG'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

Politics

Leechburgers have always taken a keen interest in politics as the science of government.

In her early days she had political torchlight parades; much oratory and more excitement than can be stirred up in elections of today.

Years ago, Leechburg was predominantly Republican—with men, in and out of the legislative halls, strong supporters of high tariffs as the best guarantee to the success of American industry and the American worker.

Daniel Bowers, before he was bank cashier, was a member of the State Republican Committee when it was called the Republican State Central Committee.

Besides Maj. Beale to Congress, Leechburg sent—around the turn of the century—two men to the State General Assembly.

They were Dr. Robert P. Armstrong and A. J. Elliott.

James A. Sproull, former Leechburg Postmaster, was a County Commissioner and Charles F. Armstrong represented Armstrong County in the State House of Representatives from 1918 to May 9, 1927. He resigned then and was made Postmaster of Leechburg in 1930.

Later in 1930, Governor Pinchot named Mr. Armstrong his State Insurance Commissioner, a position Mr. Armstrong held at the time of his death, Feb. 4, 1934 in Harrisburg.

In his lifetime, Mr. Armstrong had been a councilman and school director, too. He was born at Harmarville, Oct. 21, 1865. At 16 he was in the auditing department of Pennsylvania Railroad; in 1900 was cashier of the First National Bank in Leechburg.

His grandmother's maiden name was White. She

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was a sister of William White, who owned a farm here when Leechburg was called "White Plains."

In 1906, Mr. Armstrong went West—to be assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Long Beach, Cal. But he returned East in a short time as cashier of the East Pittsburgh National Bank, returning to Leechburg in 1908.

Another prominent Leechburg resident and civic leader—Duncan C. McCallum—was Secretary of Personnel in Gov. Pinchot's office in 1931 and became Secretary to the Governor in 1932.

From 1936 to 1939 he was assistant state chairman of the Republican Party and since then has devoted his efforts to the management of his insurance business, but took time out to be campaign manager for John P. Saylor of Johnstown, elected to Congress in 1949.

Mr. McCallum was born in the Territory of Assiniboia, Canada; came with his parents to Michigan, eventually reaching Leechburg where he finished his education in our public schools.

He was employed by the U. S. Steel Corp. and other industrial concerns until World War I, when he enlisted early in 1917, went overseas later that year, returning to Leechburg in July, 1919.

Then he engaged in real estate and automobile business, becoming active in American Legion affairs. He served four consecutive elective terms as District Commander of the Legion.

Still another Leechburger to attain a high political position has been John M. Walker, who was born in Leechburg Jan. 15, 1900, son of William Lester Walker and Ora Parks Walker.

He attended Tarentum High, Culver Military Academy, University of Pittsburgh and University of Pittsburgh Law School. A lawyer, he is married to the former Marie Gordon, has two children, lives in Oakmont, where he once was on Council.

Mr. Walker has been a deputy attorney general; a special counsel to Gov. Pichot; was a 2nd Lt. of Infantry in World War I; was elected to the State Senate in 1938 and has served continuously since that time. He was majority floor leader in 1949-50 and was chairman of the judiciary general committee twice.

COMPLIMENTS OF . . .

Meadowgold Dairies, Inc.

The Military At Home

Leechburg sons and daughters have fought on land, sea and air from the Revolution through the Second World War.

The patriotism of her citizens has never been in doubt—in battle or at home.

On the first call for Union troops in 1861, 14 students walked out of Leechburg Academy and into the Army.

After each war, veterans have banded themselves together in military organizations for community betterment.

An early military organization here was Soldiers Aid Society in 1862.

The Society at one time raised $500, considerable money in those days. Four of its women leaders were Mrs. Addison Leech, Mrs. John Klingensmith, Mrs. William Parks and Mrs. Henry McKallip.

After the battle of Malvern Hill, Addison Leech and the Rev. L. M. Kuhns personally took by rail and boat, three boxes of sanitary supplies, made or gathered by Leechburg men and women, to a hospital at Fort Monroe, Va.

Veterans of the Spanish-American War in this area belong to Vandergrift Camp of USAW or VFW Post 530 in Leechburg.

They were in Co. G., 16th Pa. Volunteers, formed in Kittanning by Capt. Austin Clark. One of them was a figure of renown in Leechburg—Cpl. J. Franklin Carnahan.

He was known as "Neighbor" Carnahan who, for many years, was Grand Marshal of Memorial Day parades.

American Legion

A temporary charter for Leechburg Post No. 266 of the American Legion was issued Aug. 29, 1919. Charles D. Hopkins, Frank R. McIntyre, McCune Beale, Earl V. Keefer, Merle F. Ashbaugh, John F. Frank, Paul W. Borger, Benjamin Hopkins, R. L. Ashbaugh, William J. Leslie, Edwin M. George, Tony Catalino, H. R. Rudolph, W. B. Stanier and Clell Milliron applied for it.

There were 85 charter members.

Permanent charter came April 30, 1924. First meeting was Oct. 6, 1919. First officers on Nov. 24, 1919 were P. H. Shuster, Commander; C. E. Gosser, Vice Commander; C. W. Milliron, adjutant and Charles L. Ashbaugh, finance officer.

Present officers of Leechburg Post No. 266, American Legion Front row, left to right—William Greenleaf, adjutant; James L. Myers, commander; Joseph Kasanicky, 1st vice commander; Sloan Knepshield, trustee. Back Row—Harry Walters, assistant Sergeant-at-arms; Kenneth Long, 2nd vice commander; Robert Baird, Chaplain, and George Hall, trustee.

In 30 years, Post Commanders have been the late Paul Shuster, the late Fred Herr, Earl Cogley, D. C. McCallum, J. D. Goodbread, S. M. Wray, the late Eugene O'Neil, Charles W. McKallip, Eugene Kallay, Harry Braun, C. L. Williams.

C. J. Lasher, Harry W. Klugh, Murrel Nofsker, William R. Bollinger, L. D. Werthman, the late Todd Glenn, George Riggle, the late W. B. Stewart, Tony Catalino, David H. Shuster, Frank V. Firestine, Floyd Peterman, Sidney Bennett, Dom Favero.

First colors and banner were presented the Post by Dr. J. M. Everwine. S. M. Wray and C. D. Hopkins were first delegates to the Armstrong County Committee in 1924. Comrades C. J. Lasher and C. W. McKallip have served as Chef-de-Gere of Voiture 123 of the 40 and 8 of Armstrong County.

In 1927 proper grave marking was a project and is now one of the best organized committees in the district, under direction of Charles Kidd. In the same year, Leechburg Legionnaires helped reorganize Armstrong-Butler Council of the Boy Scouts, donating one third the cost of an administration building at Camp Bu-Co-Co.

In 1932 the Post moved from GAR rooms to Penn-Lee Hotel; in two years to Pennsylvania Railroad Station. In 1933 Sons of the Legion came into the Post, Many of these were in World War II; now are Post members.

After removing mud, the Legion Home became 1936 flood headquarters for food and clothing. Post members did guard duty; helped the Red Cross in supplies distribution.

In World War II, Legionnaires erected and maintained airplane observation towers; were in scrap, bond and USO campaigns. Sloan Knepshield, A. T. Wray, Samuel Swank, D. H. Shuster, A. Zannoti, Gerald Groves and Norman Husselton erected and supervised the placing of names on a Community Honor Roll.

This record of 1838 men, 31 girls and 65 gold stars is in the Legion archives. Floyd Peterman was the first World War II vet to be Post Commander.

The first GI Boree was in 1946, now an annual event. Proceeds will help finance a Legion Home, for which a suitable location is being sought.

Through the years the Legion has had a band; purchased five seats in the high school auditorium; donated to Scouts, Red Cross, Salvation Army, cancer funds, Scotland Orphans School, purchased varsity sweaters for the 1949 high school football champions; sponsored for 16 years the Community Hallowe'en; entertained veterans in hospitals; supported improvement of Highway 56 and given life membership to Anthony Mottura and D. C. McCallum.

Mr. McCallum has been service officer 19 years, is now state chairman of Erie Soldiers Home. Past Commander Harry Braun was at the Paris Legion Conventions of 1927, '37 and '47. J. D. Goodbread, C. J. Lasher, C. W. McKallip and the late W. B. Stewart and James L. Myers have been Commanders of the County Committee.

Present officers are James L. Myers commander; Joseph Kasanicky, first vice commander; Kenneth Long, second; William Greenleaf, adjutant; E. L. Phillips, finance adjutant; James Young, finance officer; Julius Liptak, sergeant-at-arms; Harry Walters, assistant; Robert Baird, chaplain and John Simon, Jr., assistant.

V.F.W. Post 330

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 330 was organized Feb. 28, 1920 in the Smail Bldg. The Post was

IN MEMORY OF OUR
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Leechburg American Legion

Post No. 266

named for Harry B. Lessig, first soldier from Leechburg killed in action in World War I.

Edward Ridenour was the first Commander. The others have been Charles Ashbaugh, William Bollinger, Warren Dixon, C. E. Gosser, Joseph Washbroad, Fred Herr, Antonio Catalino, Harry O. Lookabaugh, Walter Stull, Earl Knappenberger, Frank Hinderliter, Harry Schumaker, Paul D. Heilman, Norman Husselton, Gerald Groves, James Stamates, Melvin Lingenfelter, Edwin Fryer, Darrel Jones, John Saulters and John Simons.

The Post had 30 charter members. From the Smail Bldg. the Post was in the Riffer, now Harry May home. Next move was to the GAR rooms, with the disbanding of the GAR, then to the Borough Bldg. in 1929. In 1949 the Post came into its new home on Market St. and Bridge Alley.

Some of its activities have been the VFW Drum and Bugle Corps in 1926-28; the play "Up in the Air" in 1933; assisting in the forming of the Vandergrift VFW Post; memorial services at Elderton in 1934 and the placing of the VFW marker on the grave of Leslie Sheasley; bingo games for 10 years to help finance both the VFW and Auxiliary; old fiddlers' contest in 1935; street fairs in 1936-37.

Christmas parties for children; the annual Poppy Day in May, with proceeds for relief work; donation of flags to Leechburg playground and Hills' Consolidated School; purchase of seats in the high school and donation of instruments to the Leechburg high school band; help in police work and distribution of supplies in 1936 flood.

The charter members were William R. Bollinger, Lewis R. Morris, Edward Ridenour, Charles R. Kidd, Clarence Gosser, Arthur Richardson, George Stivenson, Sloan Knepshield, B. C. Dickson, Warren Dickson, William J. Leslie, Charles C. Shaner, Andrew Angros, Henry Groves, S. E. Myers, Paul W. Boyer, Frank R. McIntyre, Walter Stull, Leslie W. Sheasley, Charles E. Toss.

Elmer Fennel, Nelson Nulph, Silas Smeltzer, Robert L. Ashbaugh, Charles L. Ashbaugh, John Faulk, Jacob F. Carnahan, Joseph Sink, Charles D. Hopkins, Joseph E. Pugh.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE

Leechburg

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post No. 330

Lessig Auxiliary

The auxiliary to Harry B. Lessig Post was organized April 5, 1934. First president was Mildred Wasbrood. Other officers were Mary M. Wareham, Julia Page, Ethel A. Baylor, Nellie Bodenhorn, Gladys Sproull, Jessie Heilman, Blanche Gosser, Effie Stamates, Marie Shick, Alice Reed, Mary Slomka, Edna Stull, Mary Husselton, Laura Gosser, Ina Lessig, Ruth Klingensmith and Edith Lookabaugh.

This auxiliary helped install other auxiliaries in Vandergrift and in Kittanning. The Post and Auxiliary gave $50 for medicine in the 1936 flood; the auxiliary bought a $45 baritone horn for the high school in 1937; gave $100 to Aspinwall Hospital in 1938; bought defense bonds, sent gifts to hospitals and sons in service during the war years of 1941-45; held a rummage sale and sent $39 to a nursery school of the VFW in Eaton Rapids, Mich. and in later years has bought equipment for the new VFW Home.

This auxiliary now has 154 members—three Gold Star Mothers.

Present officers elected in May, 1950 are — Mrs. Roxina Fryer, Effie Stamates, Pauline Reed, Julia Page, Edna Stull, Stella Smeltzer, Clara McKnight, Gladys Sproull, Mildred Wasbrood, Norma Lookabaugh, Virginia Brink, Bonnie Reed, Gertrude Swank, Maude Mann, Nellie Bodenhorn, Gertrude Ashbaugh and Dorothy Lingenfelter.

Legion Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of American Legion organized May 21, 1924. There were 83 members the first year. Six of these—Mrs. Minnie L. Johnston, who died in 1949, Mrs. Harry Johnston, Mrs. Anna Klugh, Mrs. Harry Sproull, Mrs. O. H. Hill and Mrs. Nellie Walker, have had 25-year memberships.

Mrs. J. A. Balsinger was first president; Mrs. Mary Wareham, secretary and Mrs. J. W. Crosby, treasurer. Membership now is more than 200—eight Gold Star Mothers.

The auxiliary has provided gifts to Leechburg veterans, still in hospitals; arranged for 16 trees on the Blue Star Memorial highway; donated to a grandstand at Aspinwall, an amphitheatre at Coatesville; erection of greenhouses at Valley Forge; 12 card tables to Deshon while Mrs. Harry Klugh, Mrs. Marie Querrio, Mrs. David Shuster and Mrs. Iona Thompson have given about 1200 hours volunteer service at Deshon. Mrs. Klugh was three years state chairman at Deshon.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY
Front row, left to right—Nellie Bodenhorn, Trustee; Jane Grantz, Trustee; Edith Lookabaugh, Secretary; Pauline Reed, Color Bearer; Stella Smeltzer, Musician; Roxie Fryer, Sen. Vice President; Edna Stull, Treasurer.
Back row—Effie Stamates, Color Bearer; Mildred Wasbroad, Chaplain; Julia Page, Conductress; Anna J. Prunty, Color Bearer; Dorothy Lingenfelter, President; Gladys Sproull, Guard; Orpha Fulton, Patriotic Instructor; Gertrude Ashbaugh, Trustee.

The women of this auxiliary have adopted a child at Scotland Orphans School, sending monthly cash and other necessities; gives to scholarships for war orphans; has four hospital beds and two wheel chairs free for any one in the community; has donated a Thermal-oxygen tent to the firemen; was credited with $5,000 bond sales towards purchase of 50 ambulance planes and a submarine; worked on ration boards, did salvage work and served as air raid wardens.

It introduced Americanism school awards in 1937 with Mario Grosso (now Mrs. Andrew Zargo), Betty Kezmes, Lucy M. Nigra and Mary Sterosky, first winners; it sells Poppies and four past presidents of Auxiliary 266—Mrs. J. M. Stanier, Mrs. David Shuster, Mrs. Charles McKallip and Mrs. Harry Klugh—have been president of Armstrong County Council.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 266
Seated, left to right—Mrs. Theresa Oliver, second Vice President; Mrs. Dorothy Klugh, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Avis Funkhouser, President; Lyda Jane Shuster, Corresponding Secretary; Standing—Mrs. Velma Knepshield, Chaplain; Mrs. Ethel Crosby, Treasurer; Mrs. Ellen Cockroft, first Vice President; Miss Edna Campbell, Sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs. Klugh, Mrs. Stanier and Mrs. McKallip have been on state committees while Mrs. John F. Bair, a resident of Vandergrift but native of Leechburg, was State Legion Auxiliary President in 1925.

Officers in 1950 from president to chaplain are—Mrs. Avis Funkhouser, Mrs. Ellen Cockroft, Mrs. Theresa Oliver, Mrs. Blair Klugh, Miss Lyda Jane Shuster, Mrs. Frank Crosby, Mrs. Harry Walters, Miss Edna Campbell and Mrs. Velma Knepshield.

G. A. R. In 1879

Schwalm's Hall was the scene on March 22, 1879 for organizing Post 123 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Leechburg.

John R. Long, Charles Kline, J. Banks Hunter, Joseph G. Beale, Moses Doyle, Rudolphus M. Kline, A. Gordon McDyess, John Westwood, L. W. Truxal, W. H. Henry, Andrew Ashbaugh, Uriah Knepshield, James D. Boal, Morgan R. Hunter, Alex Ashbaugh, W. W. Fiscus, William Mann, J. F. Davis, D. L. Taylor, John Frank, Labana Cline, George W. Garrett, George W. Klingensmith were charter members.

First officers were Major Joseph G. Beale, Commander; W. H. Henry, senior vice commander; Moses Doyle, Junior vice commander; John R. Long, Quartermaster; George Garrett, officer of the day; George W. Klingensmith, officer of the guard; L. W. Truxal, adjutant and James D. Boal and Morgan Hunter, quartermaster sergeants.

It was named the John A. Hunter Post. One of its major accomplishments was to list veterans buried in cemeteries in the Leechburg district—the beginning of the practice of grave registration as it is known in Pennsylvania Counties today.

The Post disbanded after World War I. Last Civil War veteran in Leechburg was Fred V. Shepard. He died in 1933.

At the present time in Leechburg there is a unit of the Organized Reserve Corps of the Army, commanded by Lt. Dom Favero. Meetings are held twice monthly, comprising veterans of World War II. It has participated in "Operation Comet," a mock warfare maneuver.

Of incalculable service to Leechburg was the formation of the Military Escort Co., under command of Lt. Dom Favero and First Sgt. Jay Liptak.

In Honor of the

GOLD STAR MOTHERS OF
LEECHBURG and VICINITY

American Legion Auxiliary

An Early Photograph of the G.A.R. Soldiers

It has been seen in military ceremonies and has been very active in providing military funerals for deceased of all wars. It has met trains and escorted repatriated dead to homes or funeral homes, later providing the military funeral.

Organized at the close of World War II the escort company comprises veterans from both the Legion and VFW Posts.

Yes, in war and in peace, Leechburg patriotism is intact.

" . . . Shall Have Life Everlasting . . . "

Sixty-eight men from homes in the territory served by the Leechburg Post Office died, or were killed in action in service with troops in defense of United States in World War II.

They were among the more than 1800 from the Leechburg postal area in that war. Time may erase from memory the deeds of valor of these our heroes, but so their names may be remembered—even unto the next Century of Progress—they are herewith recorded:

Walter Eshelman, Carl Franklin, Lester Fennel, Steve Peter Gary, Keith Held, William Hause, Clarence Hill, Charles Horrell, Joseph Donald Irons, Stanley D. James, Frank Jantosik, William E. Kral.

Louis Kozma, Andrew Kodobocz, Frank Kolenchak, Charles L. Klingensmith, Andrew M. Klarik, John J. Antoniono, Anthony Antony, William Allen, Percy D. Altman, Oliver A. Artman, Jack Cain Bell, Fred M. Brenneman, John Banichar, William D. Bowers, Peter G. Broda, Hilton F. Buzzard and Gaza Barath.

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The Doctor Is In

There has been little recorded about the work of physicians and dentists in Leechburg's early history.

But folks today can shudder at the thought of what their ancestors experienced in having a tooth extracted, without benefit of the painless methods of today.

And many were the physicians tales of operations on kitchen tables by the light of oil lamps.

There is no record of White Mattock, the Indian chief and one-time landowner in Leechburg, having a Medicine Man for a companion.

Fortunately, no epidemic of disease is known to have broken out in the days of building the canal. It is possible folks had their own remedies.

For there is a record of heavy sales of quinine and whisky (the latter at 12½ cents a quart) in David Leech's store, operated by his brother, William. And these may have been the preventative and cure for all ills.

In this centennial year, with the telephone, automobiles, ambulances and hospitals only moments away, it is a far cry back to the beginning of Leechburg's 100 years—when the doctor or dentist had to walk, go by horseback or in a cart or buggy, either by paths or almost impassable roads, to reach their patients.

The early physicians here were George W. Marchand, Washington Reynolds, John Moore, D. P. Pollard, J. Kiers, John A. Carson, William Wilson, John T. Crawford, William Hunter, W. L. Morrow, T. V. McCullough, Charles Hill and Paul Doyle.

After the late sixties, there came these physicians:

J. A. Armstrong (1867), Robert P. Hunter (1869), J. O. Heilman (1881), W. H. Montgomery (1881), Joseph D. Orr (1885), J. I. Hunter (1892), J. S. Schall (1894), J. A. Boale (1897), H. M. Welsh (1902), Rena Heilman Lindsay (1904), D. H. Riffer (1905), Clarence C. Parks (1906), M. S. Sell (1908), M. W. Heilman (1909), John W. Goodsell, V. E. Van Kirk (1912), J. M. Everwine (1913), E. R. McNutt (1919),

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J. A. Doyle (1930), John W. Welsh (1933), H. W. Bailey (1934), A. A. Pugliese (1935), H. W. Fraley (1937), D. H. Schumaker (1941).

The dates are the year of college graduation of the above physicians.

Dentists here are and have been:

D. P. Trout (1863), George A. Sloan (1864), James Parks, S. J. McMains (1891), O. C. Neely (1911), E. A. Rose (1923), C. O. Bischoff (1918), Thorton Cook (1934), Courtney Bischoff (1945).

Dr. Goodsell died in 1949 and was buried at Sandy Lake, Pa. He had been the surgeon on Admiral Peary's expedition to the North Pole. His father, Henry Goodsell, came to Leechburg after sailing in and out of most of the world's ports on an English freighter which rescued him after another boat sank in the Indian ocean.

The Coming Of The Airplane

Leechburg isn't more than 60 hours away—by airplane—from any part of the world.

Gilbert K. Myers brought the flying machine to Leechburg.

He registered for the draft into the Air Corps in World War I. In 1921, on his first airplane ride, he saw this as transportation of the future—no need for highways or bridges.

In 1928 he purchased an airplane and flew it from Bettis Field in Allegheny County, near Pittsburgh (now an atomic energy plant), to a large tract of ground on a hill in Parks Twp. Two years later he purchased a Curtis airplane and started the Leechburg airport.

Passenger sight-seeing service and student instruction began then.

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40 YEARS IN LEECHBURG A GOOD PLACE TO STOP

In 1940 and 1941, student pilots of World War II flew here. Aircraft of other schools within 100 miles of Leechburg was repaired here. In 1946, Myers opened a flying school to train pilots under the Veterans GI Bill. That school continues.

A year later an aircraft engine and mechanics school started under the same GI Bill and there is now one building, with 15,000 feet of floor space, assigned to this school.

The flying school for all types of private and commercial pilots and the mechanics school is on a day and night basis. And into Leechburg Airport since 1930 have come pilots from all over the United States —for schooling or refueling of planes.

Business Pioneers

Always a bustling business town, with some exceptions, there are in Leechburg today some establishments that have been in the families of their present owners more than half a century.

One of the oldest is the general hardware store of J. E. McGeary, 120 Market St. He is the son of J. C. McGeary who started in business in what is now the Anthony Zanotti property at 111 Canal St. back in 1870.

He was a tinner at the time, making kettles, pots and pans and then selling them house to house and farm to farm from a one-horse wagon. In 1877 he operated a store at Third and Market Sts., later moving to the present location. J. E. McGeary came into the business in July, 1905.

Another is Long's Wall Paper and Paint Store, 110 Market St., operated by Carrie Long and her son, Kenneth. His grandfather, J. R. Long, opened a store in 1874 at 111 Canal St. This building still stands and is occupied by John and Palmyra Zanotti.

J. R. Long's son, Calvin A., started a department store in 1889 in the building now occupied by Querio Motor Sales, 300 Market St., later moved to the building housing Rubin's now. There the business was carried on by Calvin until his death in 1936. Carrie and Kenneth Long operated the store there until 1939 before moving to the present location.

Stull - Hill - Coulter, general merchandise, at 220 Second St., was established in 1888 by James B. Smail, John A. Hill and A. J. Stull. None of the present owners were in the original company. In September, 1894, Fred Hill joined the firm while Charles S. Hill came in 1904. The company was incorporated in 1913.

The grocery of D. Gosser Sons, 132 Main St., was opened in May, 1893, by Daniel Gosser and son, Frank. Later another son, John L., was taken into the firm and was the owner until his death in April this year.

The Leechburg Lumber Co., 81 Canal St., was founded in 1891. Its present owners, James and Mame McCracken succeeded to ownership upon the death of Paul A. McCracken, the former's father and latter's brother, in February, 1941.

The company has been in the family since its inception, three generations of the family having been associated in the business.

Teeters Cleaning at 247 Market St. was established by John F. Teeters in 1899. His son, Charles, operated it from 1905 until his death in 1937.

Then his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Teeters, took over and continued until the present owner, her son, John, could return from World War II.

Anthony Maridon, who established Edelweiss Grill in 1933, has been in business since 1896, first with his brother, Joseph in a Canal St. grocery. In 1899 he put up a three-story brick building at Third and Canal Sts., conducting a wholesale and retail general store.

For years he was in real estate and insurance with W. B. Ryan, buying out that business in 1930 to open at 203 Market St. He sold the insurance business on retirement to Lino Vigna in 1946. In addition Mr. Maridon had been a notary public in Leechburg 43 years. His son-in-law, Joseph Balla, operates the present grill and is a partner in the business.

And what is now Fiori's Drug Store is a Leechburg landmark.

Jacob H. Parks began it in 1875 in partnership with Dr. John Carson under the name of Parks & Carson.

Today Leechburg has a wide variety of business establishments. The name of each, the address, date of establishment and name of present owner or owners follows in alphabetical order:

Advance Printing Co., 207 Hicks St., 1885, S. M. Wray; Aimee's Beauty Shop, 309 Market St., 1932, Aimee Mandello; Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., 105 Market St., October 1915; Armstrong Funeral Home, 169 Main St., May, 1900. J. Bruce Armstrong; Al's Auto Repair, 280 Third St., 1946, Albert Piecka.

Bruno Lucchino, general merchandise and farm supplies, Leechburg R. D. 1, Sept. 1925; Bellas Beauty Box, 301 Lincoln Ave., March 1945, Mrs. Dominick Bella; Bright & Son, 214 Market St., 1910, Kathleen and Blanche Bright; Balash Market, 124 Third St., Oct. 1935, Joseph Balash; Bremans Express, 300 Canal St., Sept. 1939, David and Theodore Breman; Burkett's Flower Shop, 145 Market St., March 1945, June Shaw; Bucks Recreation Center, 252 Market St., March 1944, Sylvester Sorisio.

Bonello Food Market, 83 Second St., Oct. 1912, Joseph Bonello; Breman's Transfer Co., 300 Canal St., 1914; Sam Bertetti, 310 Lincoln Ave.; Bono's Market, 118 Market St., March 1929, James Bono; Biagioni Shoe Shop, 119 Market St., Nov. 1944, Gilio Biagioni; Harry Bodnar, 100 Market St., Jan. 1944, Harry Bodnar; Phillip Booker and Sons, Canal St., 1946; Bennetts, 169 Market St., Oct. 1907, Sidney and George Bennett.

Andy Bodnar, 114 Market St., 1924; Brechbill's Cut Rate, 157 Market St., June 1944, Lawrence Brechbill; A. Catalino, beer distributor, rear 224 Main St., Jan. 1933; Clawson's Funeral Home, Second and Main Sts., Sept. 1931, Fred H. Clawson; Cherrys Service Station, 337 Pershing Ave., Feb. 1929, N. F. Cherry; Cline's Clover Farm Store, 272 Lincoln Ave., 1927, W. W. Cline; G. W. Cook and Son, 214 Main St., Feb. 1907, James Cook; Crookshank Auto Supply, 128 Third St., Oct. 1934, L. B. Crookshank.

Cross Roads Produce, 112 Market St., Dec. 1946, Quarto and Maglocci; D. and M. Market, 381 Pershing Ave., May 1948, Steve Shavensky; M. J. Codera, grocer, Schenley, 1910; O. F. Cordera, tavern, Schenley, July 1949; J. S. Donahey, 375 Second St., 1936; Dixon's Bakery, 135 Market St., 1948, Joseph Dixon; Esquire Grille, 112 Third St., 1941, Joseph Casteletti; Joseph Enrico, 101 Market St., Nov. 1936, Joseph B. Enrico.

Elliott Jewelers, 109 Market St., April 1948, Everett and Kenneth Elliott; Earle's Jewelry, 253 Market St., December 1945, Earl P. Freilino; Fondrk's Hardware, 165 Third St., 1910, Joseph Fondrk; Franks Lunch, 128 Market St., March 1944, Frank Poppolo; Second Freilino, Third St.; Fiori's Pharmacy, 200 Market St., Dec. 1934, Frank Fiori.

Dominick Ferriti, 527 Canal St., 1948, general hauling; Anthony Gallino, 469 Canal St., 1924, A. Gallino; George's Plumbing, 507 First St., Oct. 1948. Howard W. George; Getto's Barber Shop, 245 Market St., 1944, Bernard M. Getto; G. I. Grille, 125 Canal St., Oct. 1944, Steve and Margaret Kundrak; Gumpps Bakery, 161 Market St., June 1948, Ronald Gumpp; Farmer's Praise Poultry Dressing, 467 First St., Jan. 1950, Armondo Gasbarro.

Grosso's Market, 335 Harrison Ave., April 1925, James Grosso; Groves Service Station, Third and Pershing Ave., 1933, W. Edgar Groves; Gwinn's Barber Shop, 117 Market St., May 1942, Merle Gwinn; Helen Louise Beauty Salon, 143 Market St., 1938.

Hiram S. Hill, 258 Market St., 1927; Hunt's Restaurant, 118 Third St., June 1933, James Hunt; Isabell's Beauty Shop, 147 Market St., Jan. 1946, Mrs. Isabell Kepple; Jacob Isreal, 426 Canal St., 1935; The Kroger Co., 105 Market St., April 1934; Kasanicky Market, 403 Pershing Ave., Oct. 1922, Louis Kasanicky.

Klugh's Service Station, Third and Pershing Ave., 1943, H. W. and B. D. Klugh; Kiski Valley Service, 573 Canal St., 1937, Andrew and Edwin Papp; R. W. Knoff, Penn Theater Bldg., Market St., 1940; Lillian's Beauty Salon, 322 Main St., Feb. 1942, Mrs. Lillian Rizzo; Leechburg Appliance and Repair Shop, 139 Market St., Nov. 1946, A. W. Miller; Leechburg Dry Goods, 222 Second St., Nov. 1949, Bertha Oliver.

Leechburg Hardware, 218 Second St., March 1948, A. L. and T. W. Donahey; Leechburg News Co., 167 Market St., Aug. 1922; Leechburg Tire Co., 218 First St., Nov. 1946, Louis Phillips; Leechburg Skating Rink, 213 Kirkpatrick Ave., Jan. 1937, Mr. and Mrs. George Densmore; Livrone Flower Shoppe, 128 Second St., May 1948, Pierina Perona and Josephine Penone.

Lombardi Furniture, 219 Market St., March 1946, Dan J. Lombardi, Martha's Beauty Salon, 129 Main St., Dec. 1947, Mrs. Martha Meidus; Marie's Beauty Salon, 84 First St., 1942, Mrs. Marie Querio; Marie's Hat Shoppe, 156 Market St., July 1934, Marie Andrews; Teresa Maridon Grocery, 121 Market St., April 1923, Mrs. Mary Boario.

Miller's Drug Store, 110 Third St., July 1933, Howard H. Miller; Joseph Mondello Pool Room, 109 Market St., April 1915; Mondello Shoe Shine Shop, 121½ Market St., April 1920, Bart Mondello; Fred Moore's Restaurant, 125 Market St., Oct. 1919; Leo Moore Lunch Room, 129 Market St., May 1920.

Gene R. Morris Hat Shoppe, 111 Market St., Jan. 1916; The Old Mansion, 83 First St., 1936; B. R. Myers Plumbing, 216 Second St., Feb. 1948; McCormick Electric, 120 Third St., April 1938, D. H. McCormick; Duncan C. McCallum, 163 Market St., Feb. 1925.

Edna M. McCullough Beauty Shop, I.O.O.F. Bldg., Dec. 1941; George McKallip, Penn Teater Bldg., 1945; Penn Glenn Oil Works, 157 Third St., 1927; Penn-Palace Theaters, 211 & 228 Market St., June 1919, Oglietti Bros.; Pete's Place, 268 Canal St., 1932, Pete Barisone; Philadelphia Store, 155 Market St., 1913, Rosalie and Fritz Lange.

Phillips Motor Co., 200 Third St., April 1938, William Phillips; Perrine's Pharmacy, 241 Market St., Dec. 1939, C. A. Perrine; Pert's Super Market, 133 Market St., Feb. 1945, Mrs. Elizabeth Pert; Louis Phillips Taxi Co., 114 Second St., 1942; Pete's Shoe Shop, 116 Market St., Aug. 1934, Peter Binando; Phillip's Barber Shop, 122 Third St., Feb. 1930, C. H. Phillips.

Pugliese Flower Shop, 249 Market St., March 1949, Peter Pugliese; Querio Motor, 300 Market St., 1934, John Querio; Quillen's Gun Shop, 301 Market St., Oct. 1947, Harold W. Quillen; John Rehak, Jr., 110 Main St., 1930; Rhodes Green House, 240 Logan Ave., 1912, Wayne Rhodes.

Leroy S. Rose, 358 Harrison Ave., 1925; Rubin's Store, 130 Market St., Sept. 1936; Sam's Radio, Music and Television, 88 Second St., June 1937, Sam Corcetti; Sansoe's Restaurant, 76 Canal St., May 1939, Dominic Sansoe; Sendry's Dry Cleaning, 85 Second St., July 1933, Steve Sendry.

Service Book Store, 141 Market St., June 1926, James A. Sproull; Shrader's Grocery, 414 Third St., March 1934, Mrs. Robert Shrader; Spotless Cleaners, 116 Third St., 1938, Super Cleaning Co.; Sorisio's Market, 225 Market St., 1918, John B. Sorisio.

Seren's Bakery, 575 Pitt St., 1929, Joseph Seren; Swanson's Grocery, 208 Beale Ave., Sept. 1941, Mrs. C. E. Swanson; Tony's Lunch, 134 Market St., Feb. 1932, Tony Santus; Truffia's Beer Distributing Agency, 139 Canal St., Feb. 1946, Joseph G. Truffia; United Cleaning Co., 124 Market St., May 1947.

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Charles Vacca Barber Shop, Penn Theater Bldg., June 1928; Verb's Market, 333 First St., Jan. 1945, Michael Verb; Verb's Restaurant, 51 W. Leechburg St., Oct. 1934, Joseph and Mary Verb; Veitch's Barber Shop, 207 Market St., April 1945; Fred Veitch; Lino Vigna, 126 Market St., July 1946; Vogue Shoppe, 158 Market St., Oct. 1935.

Eugene Willkow, 111 Second St., May 1913; West Penn Garage, 250 Market St., June 1922; Wherry's Men's Shop, 160 Market St., April 1935; Whitesell Radio Electric, 165 Market St., Oct. 1936; Wray's Market, 101 Main St., Nov. 1939, Alfred T. Wray.

"When You and I Were Young . . ."

There is in the Leechburg district in this centennial year a number of men and women whose combined ages would come close to reaching 1,000 years.

They are the "young old timers," who have lived 60 or more years in this valley and not been far away from it at any time. They are the historians of the times we are recording here.

It's impossible to come upon all of them but you do find folks like:

Mrs. Rosalie Souders, 82, born in 1868 and with the exception of a couple of years, Leechburg has been her whole life . . . and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Groves who recently celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary with their six children.

Addison Leech Knepshield, a namesake of the founding family of Leechburg, a teamster for many years who was on the job when streets were paved and some of the present homes built . . . and William H. McCreary, born in Main St. in 1867—whose father was a boatman on the canal.

His wife, Laura—born on the Anderson farm, once an Indian settlement and later the location of Anderson Junction, where the "pusher" locomotives would help trains up the old grade and into the tunnel in Leechburg's early railroading days.

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One of their three children is Lt. Col. William McCreary. Or talk with A. J. Klingensmith . . . he can tell you about the sawmill his father had at the old Leech dam . . . and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cline, still living in the same house they came to when married, 50 years ago last Nov. 1.

Mrs. Cora Stull, now 85 and her sister, Mrs. Estelle Shannon, 81 . . . almost the life of the town . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hawk, the former an employe of the old Leechburg Foundry & Machine Co.

There's Anna S. Groves, who began teaching school in 1910, is still there—nearly a half century of instilling education into thousands—a fine example of exceptional public service . . . and Melva Houchens who came into the Leechburg school system also in 1910, taught until 1915 and then in Homestead and Vandergrift, before returning to Leechburg in 1922 . . . and still teaching.

Another is Jeremiah (Jerry) Klingensmith, 92, who had one of Leechburg's first meat markets—on Market St., site of the Postoffice now . . . and Miss Jennie Cline, born in Leechburg in 1870 . . . Margaret H. Keefer born in 1865 at "Tunnel Hill;" Mary Young Beatty, who came here in 1884 and Porter S. Phillips who moved to Leechburg in the Spring of 1877.

Then Mrs. James Fryer and her sister, Mrs. J. Walter Klugh, who came to Leechburg in 1877, descendants of Israel Hill, one of the first settlers. And the late Hezekiah Ashbaugh, father of 12 children, all born in Leechburg or Hillville . . . and of these, four are in this district—Mrs. Nina George, Mrs. Belle Artman, Kizzie and Logan W. Ashbaugh.

John C., James C., David R., Ida Belle and Bertha Shriver (Mrs. McLane) were born in Bethel Twp. . . . came to Leechburg in 1889. Still others are Carl S. Rhodes, born in Hillville . . . Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKnight, the former being employed in the old Leechburg Foundry & Machine Co.

Mrs. John Spratt and her sister, Mrs. Lottie Roberts. Mrs. Lettie Leech McGeary, 89, a daughter of Archibald Leech, relative of Leechburg's founder. She came to Leechburg in 1877, a dressmaker for Mrs. Taylor, owner of one of the town's early commercial establishments. Mrs. McGeary was the first member to be received into the United Presbyterian Church, after its organization.

Mrs. T. F. McGary, who lived on Main St. at the time of the 1889 fire—directly behind some of the destroyed buildings . . . William A. Kipp came here 73 years ago, was a member of one of the earliest baseball and possibly first football teams. He celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary last year.

Mrs. Edith Jones, born and lived all her life in Leechburg . . . as has Rueben T. Frank, born in 1883 . . . while Leb and his twin brother, George Frank, born in Gosser Hill in 1890, have lived here since birth . . . . and Mrs. Sadie Belle McGeary, who was born in Spring Church in 1867, was married in Markle in 1885, has spent her life in Leechburg and vicinity . . . now lives at 148 Beale Ave.

In Bagdad lives Mrs. Margaret Stull Evans, 77, granddaughter of a canal boatman, has lived there all her life as did her father before her. Porter Phillips, who worked in the Kirkpatrick mill when 10 years old and Mrs. Milton McFarland, who came to Allegheny Twp. in 1885, has lived in this vicinity since.

And Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shaner of Parks Twp. Mr. Shaner was actively engaged in farming until a few years ago—and has lived on the same farm all his life.

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Our Neighboring Communities

Surrounding Leechburg are towns, townships, suburban residential and manufacturing areas—all part of and contributors to this century of progress.

They're steeped in history, too — from log cabin days. For instance:

Hyde Park

Once part of Allegheny Twp. Andrew Grinder came from Brady's Bend—about 1840—bought most of the land now Hyde Park, opposite Leechburg, Westmoreland County, from Philip Klingensmith.

He built a log cabin, tilled the soil. His cabin was near Alfred Rose's residence now. He raised huge watermelons. There was a maple sugar camp in the center of a sugar tree grove.

Later, Grinder had a large farm house opposite Zanotti's Chestnut St. grocery today. A dozen homes were built near the railroad tunnel. A wagon lane went by them to the Earl Kepple farm.

Hyde Park School

When Andrew Grinder died, half of the land went to son, Andrew Jr.; other half to son, William. The railroad came and William sold most of his land to Hyde and Murphy Land Co., for a town. Hyde built homes, sold most to miners. Andrew sold lots to individuals. It became "Grinderville." William's area was incorporated as Hyde Park in 1898. Grinderville was annexed in 1913.

E. F. Schauwecker was first Hyde Park Burgess. First paved street was brick in 1907. The first postoffice was where Shay home is now. James Boyde was postmaster. Mail is by taxi from Leechburg today. The Frangoulis Apt. Bldg. was the first hotel. Alex Weimer ran it.

William Grinder gave land for the first school; Mina McGeary, first teacher; first school board—J. H. Evans, S. R. Thompson, W. A. Rich, T. G. Jack, G. N. Smith, N. M. Crusan. Present school built in 1917. School directors now—Paul Leech, John Williams, William Austin, Herbert Aber, Jr., E. H. Boyd.

In 1894, Hyde Park had two glass factories, a bottling works, a glass house. In the latter, blown novelties of colored glass were made, some of them still in Hyde Park families. There once was a brick yard, a steel mill. The Hyde Park Brewery was established in 1900, is now dismantled.

The Hutchins Car Roofing Co. started here, affiliated with P. H. Murphy Co. in 1927 and the plant moved to New Kensington. Some Hyde Park folks still work there. And Arthur J. Obourn opened the Hyde Park Glove Co. in the John Cevario Bldg. It's now in Vandergrift—retains the Hyde Park name.

Passenger trains once ran hourly. James Beck and Frank Bycroft were among first auto owners. A ferry once was chief transportation between Leechburg and Hyde Park. Eugene Weimer now operates a bus service. A foot bridge on the old railroad bridge piers in 1920 went out in the 1936 flood It was rebuilt, closed in 1947 and once more effort is being made to rebuild it.

For many years Harvey Grinder taught the Union Sunday School. Hyde Park Land and Improvement Co. donated land for a church, started May 14, 1899 with 30 members, called Bethel Evangelical Lutheran. It is a community church of 55, the church council being Frank Bycroft, Tom Shay, Roy Kunkle, James Mann, A. E. Ednie, Jr. and George Schaeffer.

The Ladies Aid Society organized Feb. 17, 1907 with Mrs. T. L. Smith, Mrs. Newton Long, Miss Goldie Long and Mrs. Frank Bycroft, the first officers. There's been a women's club since 1937—sponsors of a library, community Christmas tree and treat, baskets for needy and memorial trees for the war dead.

Boy Scouts organized in 1925, there are 16 in the

The Bethel Lutheran Church at Hyde Park

troop now and Cub Scouts began in 1947. The PTA with 60 members has bought kitchen equipment for the school.

West Leechburg Borough

This once was a split town—part Hillville, part West Leechburg. It became one in 1928, M. B. Artman, first Burgess. First land was acquired by William Wharton Fisher in 1776.

Other early landholders were Michael Klingensmith, John Hill, Mathias Crawford, Hetty B. Clopper, Curtis Hussey, Michael Costlow, William Duff, John Young, George Hawk, Jacob and Peter Kepple and Adam Gosser. Their descendants live here still.

First large holdings were by Eli and Levi Hill, Sr. That was the beginning of Hillville. Both died soon after purchasing their lands. It went to heirs—one part turned into a Land and Improvement Co. which developed West Leechburg.

One heir, Levi Hill built the large house still standing and visible from Leechburg bridge. Hezekiah Ashbaugh built the first home on the hill after the Civil War, followed by Martin Cain and Archie Leech.

In the West Leechburg section there was a mine called Old Sorgham; another the Peru. William Shirley, often called "father of the borough," had a sawmill, supplied ties to the railroad, pit posts for Hicks Mining Co.

A large plot of ground was a grazing commons, the

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tinkling of cow bells mingling with the sounds of mining and the making of steel.

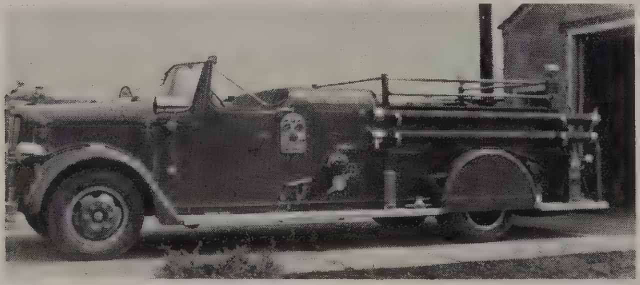
Big milestones were improved road from Leechburg bridge over the hill in 1929; daily mail service in 1936, the roadside dotted with mail boxes; street lights in 1945; the forming of the Water Authority in 1946 under the administration of James Caveglia, James C. Cuffia, Dale Schumaker, Charles Cibik and Stephen Pochiber. A huge dam is well under construction to supply water for the town and West Leechburg steel mill.

A volunteer fire company organized in 1944. First councilmen after incorporation of Hillville and West Leechburg were W. C. Shirley, William McCreary, Clarence Bell, Luke Walheim, Joseph Rua, Jr., Thomas Mozdir and Mike Skura.

One of West Leechburg's Borough School Buildings

Officers in 1950 are Robert Cribbs, Burgess and Councilmen Fiorendo Mastrone, Val Stano, Adam Klanica, Blair Schall and Steve Kulick.

Sober's was the name of an early West Leechburg and Hillville school. Hezikiah Ashbaugh and Minna George are two surviving persons who went there. Early teachers were Harvey McGeary, Harvey Grimm, James Jones, Carrie Sober, Anna Armstrong, Rosalie Sober and Beatty Artman. Later a school was built in Hillville and at one time pupils wanting to go to high school in Leechburg took an examination. If they passed, they could attend—at their own expense.



West Leechburg Fire Truck

Then an Academy was erected in Shearersburg (former Deronda) to which many students rode horseback. First school directors under West Leechburg borough were Harry Schumaker, Ondiene Graham, Belle Artman, Charles Cline and John Vogel. Directors today are Dale Schumaker, Charles A. Vogel, Joseph Klanica, John Kummiak and Robert Broglio.

Allegheny Township

Founded in 1796, named for Allegheny River. First families were named Stewart, Leech, Zimmerman, Trout, Hawk, Butler, Alter, McKee, Steele, Armstrong, Copeland, McGeary, Faulk, Lynch, Watson, McCullough, McLaughlin, McQuilin and Clements. Families by those names still reside in this area.

The township was scene of many encounters with Seneca and Delaware Indians. It is said that up until 1810 there were but two wagons in the whole township.

First school was in 1834 with Wilson Sproul, George Crawford and Samuel Owens early teachers. After the first school, 10 log ones costing $110 each were built, being replaced in 1850. Two of the replacements remain.

The Rev. J. Moulton Jones of Pine Run Church organized the Markle Normal Academy in 1875 to educate teachers. Robert Miller gave the building; later more ground for a new one. A three-year high school was established in 1906; discontinued in 1945; the present consolidated school finished in 1927 and nine one-room schools closed. Ten years later a four-room building was erected near Vandergrift.

School directors today are John E. Finnin, Clarence Shaner, John D. Zimmerman, Everett Miller, Charles Bussler, Vernon Bayle and F. E. Bash, treasurer. H. A. Warfel is supervising principal. There are 22 teachers.

Until the famous division of 1878, Allegheny Twp. included what is now Gilpin, Bethel and Parks Twp.

Early churches in Allegheny Twp. were Brooklyn Reform Presbyterian, 1832 and Allegheny United Presbyterian in 1873. M. M. Patterson was first minister. In 1825, first books in the township for school purposes were The Bible, Western Calculator and a speller.

On May 11, 1939, Allegheny Twp. women organized a club. Mrs. Louise McLaughlin, Mrs. Florence Painer, Mrs. Ethel Beatty and Mrs. Vernice Swank were first officers. In 1945 it became Allegheny Township Community Club and has purchased a site in the Zimmerman plan for a club house.

Allegheny Township Consolidated School

Present officers of this club—Mrs. Roxie Baer, Mrs. Mildred Piper, Mrs. Edith Young, Mrs. Margaret Bergfeld, Mrs. Kay Frew, Mrs. Pauline Reed, Mrs. Lilla Davis, Mrs. Anais Burgley, Mrs. Mildred Wasbrood, Mrs. Sadie Swank.

Gosser Hill

Overlooks Leechburg from the South, a small community in Allegheny Twp. The home of Albert Gosser, first on the hill, is now the property of Julius Grajczar.

On the property now owned by George Butler, a Mr. McCreary built a log house which still stands. First improved road was in 1912, with city water supplied first in 1938. In 1950 a housing project bids fair to give this Hill a new importance to Leechburg.

Gilpin Township

In 1748 a part of Gilpin Twp. was "Old Westmoreland," with one party of settlers—the advance guard of the great army of folks now in Western Pennsylvania.

But from a settlement this township once had a 41 per cent increase in population in 10 years.

Highest point in the township is 1,430 feet, east of Johnetta.

Early settlers were Philip Bolen, James Coulter and John, Philip, Peter and Nicholas Klingensmith families. Being close to the river, Gilpin progressed faster than any of the other 26 townships in Armstrong County.

First school was in 1812, on Peter Klingensmith farm, now owned by Mrs. Johnathan J. Klingensmith. James Stitt was teacher. Another, before 1835, was on Schenley Rd.—the Shady Grove School. It was on property now owned by Robert L. Thompson. Both schools were of unhewn logs, a slab door and paper dipped in bear's grease for windows.

Pupils ranged in age from five to 22—teaching cost 48 cents a month per pupil. In 1854 Gilpin had seven schools; and the Rev. J. A. Campbell was then county superintendent of schools—the first in that office.

Miss Ella Hill, born June 2, 1856, is one of the

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Forks Parish

pupils still living who attended the Shady Grove School and Millard F. Fennel, born March 4, 1860 was pupil in what once was called Spruce College. He is sole survivor of that school.

A $70,000 consolidated school was erected in 1939. Georgetown, a part of the township, had a one-room school in 1890; now has seven. And Gilpin Twp. chartered a volunteer fire department in 1942; now has a $5,000 property, $10,000 worth of equipment and a 9,000 gallon moving capacity of water for much of that department's territory is rural.

The famous "Forks Church" is in Gilpin Twp., first service being in the house and barn of John Hill in 1812. The congregation didn't formally organize, however, until 1817. It got the name from its first location —the forks of the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas rivers. It stood 50 years there. In 1891 a second church was built on Leechburg-Kittanning road. It burned in 1905. A third church was put up, the basement of the present building added in 1931.

Rev. J. A. Mohler was first minister with the Rev. Frederick Stueber in charge since 1938.

The township has a grange—Mt. Joy—that first was chartered April 14, 1875 with 35 members. This was just two years after founding of State Grange. It has 60 members now. Twice it was dormant for several years, but reorganized each time. Daniel Gosser was the first master; Wallace Artman holding that office in 1949.

Schenley-Bagdad-Johnetta District

The section of Gilpin Twp. where the Kiski and Allegheny River valleys meet once was occupied by Indians. The Indian village, Atteques, was at Schenley. Conrad Wiser, missionary to the Indians, visited this village in 1748.

The land at the point—of the rivers—was first surveyed by John Montgomery in 1766 while in 1799 Gen. Brodhead sent two scouts to spy on Indians in this district.

As late as 1838, there were traces of a circumvallation or round fort on land now owned by Joseph S. Finch & Co. The banks of the fort were three and one-half feet high, enclosing three acres. In 1935, in construction of a sewer at Schenley, an Indian burial mound was uncovered—containing skeletons, tomahawks and stone vessels.

With the coming of the railroads and up until 1920, Kiski Junction was a thriving passenger terminal with modern station and housing for passenger crews. Now there are large freight and repair yards there. The big Allegheny River dam at Schenley was built in 1922, so it is now possible to ship or receive coal, sand, gravel and other products by barges.

In 1814 the Klingensmith Gristmill was built on the Barrickman tract at Bagdad and close to it Jacob Riggle had a sawmill. The Penn Oil Works was built on site of Schenley Distillery in 1856 to distill coal oil for illumination. Successful drilling for petroleum put them out of business.

In 1860, Brerton, Johnston & Co. had a similar oil works at Aladdin. And from 1870 until 1876, the same plant was operated by Dr. W. H. C. Tweddle for distilling petroleum to make lubricating oils and paraffins. They consumed 8,000 barrels of oil a month and was finally purchased by Standard Oil. Aladdin was incorporated a borough in 1867.

About 1900 the making of brick began at Johnetta. A large brick manufacturing plant was constructed and so were many brick homes for employes. It ceased operations in 1920—but in those 20 years it made an excellent grade of reddish brown brick. Some of the buildings and the huge smoke stack of the Aluminum

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Company of America plant at New Kensington were built from these brick.

One of the first Postoffices in Western Pennsylvania was at the Point, called Kiskiminetas, established in February 1824, John Royer the Postmaster. The first Postoffice at Schenley was in 1862.

Across the river from the Point stands the old stone house at Kiski known as the King of Scotland House, built in 1844 by John Stewart.

What once was the old Bagdad school house is now the club house of Bagdad District Sportsmen's Assn. To date it has purchased and released more than 600 rabbits. It organized Jan. 21, 1939 with Gerald Groves, William Schreckengost, Homer Kuhns and Irvin McKallip first officers.

Today they are Nelson Nulph, Gene Smail, Charles Pascal. The association has constructed feeding stations and formerly had a game reserve at the Schenley steer farm.

Parks Township

This is a widespread area of farm lands, hills and beautiful valleys, named for Robert Parks, grandfather of Jacob H. Parks, long-time druggist here.

Robert Parks settled on the land called "Farmer's Delight," still operated by his heirs, in 1814. He had been in the Revolutionary Army, suffered at Valley Forge and came to this district with his wife, six children and all his possessions in a covered wagon.

His original land purchase was 400 acres from John Montgomery. Later he added 250 acres—the cost for 650 acres being $6.50 an acre. Parks cleared the land, built a log cabin—the Parks home for many years. The old barn, still in use, was built in 1835.

Robert Parks died in 1858 in his 90th year and was buried in a private plot on his "Farmer's Delight."

Delaware Indians once roamed Parks Twp., particularly near the mouth of Pine Run below Vandergrift, where "Kiskiminetas Old Town" once existed. Thousands of specimens of Indian relics, weapons and tools were found in this area. Richard Thompson and Elmer Fouse of Leechburg possess some of them.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Forks Parish

Peter LeFevre kept the first ferry, below the mouth of Carnahan's Run from 1800 to 1825. Early family names were Stitt, Hill, Foster, Guthrie, Heckman, Altman, Shaner, Kepple, McIntire, Lanning, Kearney, Greenberry, Wilson, Painter, Girt, Wyant, Gourley, Crosby—familiar names among Parks Twp. families today.

Stitt's were more numerous. One descendant is Levi Stitt. He's 90 now, born in the township in October, 1860. He lives high on the hill opposite Vandergrift, where he can see much of Parks Twp., Apollo, Vandergrift and Leechburg.

A master mechanic first in Apollo Iron & Steel Co., later with American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., he was largely responsible for erection of the Vandergrift mill.

He recalls opening day at Rogers & Burchfield mill in Leechburg—how he, a barefoot boy, walked from Stitt's Mill—nearly 10 miles—for the event. Then the mill didn't start—one special piece of machinery didn't arrive on time. So Levi went home, returned three days later and saw the great mill's wheels turn for the first time. He remembers John R. Long was the engineer.

Parks Twp. is famous for old schools—the first on Carnahan's Run in 1812, taught by John Criswell and Samuel Taggart. Mrs. Alexander Gordon (Sarah E. Parks) was the last surviving pupil of that school.

Too, the township had the first graded school in this section of the county. As far back as 1866 there was a school near Stitt's Mill, called Laurel Point. It became Hill's School and to the present time has played a very important part in township education.

After the free school system it was taught by James Bratton Parks, by his son, John W. in 1868 and by his granddaughter, Melva Parks (now Mrs. D. B. Houchens) in 1908.

William F. Hill, one of the township's outstanding citizens, taught there many terms. He was the grandson of Jacob Hill who settled in what's now Parks Twp. in 1837. Jacob Hill was State Assemblyman two terms. He had to ride horseback to Greensburg, carrying his baggage with him, then take the stagecoach to Harrisburg.

On the Parks school board today are Davis Rishel, James Dorwart, William Clever, John Foster and Vance Fitzgerald.

A township landmark is Klingensmith's store — started by Josiah W. Klingensmith on his farm in 1874.

It was and is a general store, expanding with peddle wagons through Parks, Gilpin, Kiskiminetas and Bethel Twps., selling merchandise and purchasing farm products in exchange only. He was the first merchant to pay money for farmers' products in this territory.

A Postoffice was established in his store in 1881. Two names were submitted—Dime and Egg! Dime was chosen. Mr. Klingensmith was postmaster—except in President Cleveland's second term when Amos Altman was appointed.

J. W. retired in 1892, succeeded by his sons, John A. and Frank W. They were partners until 1897, continuing peddling and selling from the store. J. A. then sold out to F. W., who took in Elmer G. Vantine as partner for two years. This was dissolved in 1899, so were the peddle wagons.

In 1916, F. W. retired and was succeeded by his son, Paul, who is still operating the store—making a continuous period of 76 years of operation under the name Klingensmith through three generations.

In Parks Twp.'s early days, every cabin was a factory—making clothing on home looms. Shoes were shared, for leather was high. Money scarce. Often the women would walk to church in Leechburg barefooted, carrying stockings and shoes, to be put on as they neared the church.

Of gristmills, best known was Stitt's Mill erected on Carnahan's Run in 1818 by John Stitt, father of Frantz

New Hill School House

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and Levi. The building was of logs and used water power. The mill had two stands of burrs, one from native rock to grind cattle feed; the other to grind flour. They were like flint, purchased in France for $750, shipped to Baltimore and brought over the mountains by ox team. John Stitt had a sawmill there, too. Both went out by flood in 1880.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, better known as Highfields, was organized by the Rev. Johnathan Sarver in 1871. An $1,800 frame church was erected that year. The land was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Klingensmith, Mr. and Mrs. David E. Shutt, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Riggle and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Artman.

The church was extensively repaired in 1908; a Sunday School added in 1930; a Parish Hall in 1949.

In Kiskimere is the Morning Star Baptist Church, chartered in 1918 with 18 members. The building, for all denominations, was a gift of Lewis W. Hicks.

And Laurel Point Grange was organized Feb. 8, 1890, on a point of land, with a nearby covering of Laurel. William Crosby, T. A. Stitt, W. F. Hill, W. H. Truby, H. B. Trazier, Eli Darbaker, W. H. Kepple, John Kepple, A. L. Carney, Eliza A. Crosby, Maria Hill, Augusta Stitt and Flora Darbaker were charter members.

W. F. Hill was secretary 23 years; W. H. Truby treasurer 13 years. Mrs. William J. Clark is now in her twenty-third year as secretary; Mr. Clark has been treasurer 20½ years and W. J. Porter master for 27 years—at different times in the Grange's history.

The first hall was on land given by William Crosby. First meeting in the present hall was Feb. 13, 1948.

Riverview

This residential community was established first about 1912 on the Susan Kepple farm. This farm was the Elderton tract and was deeded and signed by the then Mayor of New York in 1794. It was then purchased and has been in the Kepple name since 1794.

There are about 250 homes in Riverview now. There's a four-room brick school, a boosters club, a fire company and a Lutheran Church has been organized.

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Down Memory Lane

Humor, tragedy, drama, a little trivia, some incidental facts or figures—all gleaned from the memories of many persons—are woven into the colorful century of history through which Leechburg is emerging.

There's memory of—

The two-man trolleys, when the conductor walked the outside platform of the summer car, collecting fares . . . and how the wind would blow, so you had to hold on to your hat, but it really cooled you off.

And the lumbering winter time cars, the old pot-bellied stove for heat, a coal bucket by its side—the delight of tobacco chewers. This trolley also had a smoker section.

How Floral Ave. got its name—as the last trace of the old agricultural fair, which once had a race track that wound around what's now Campbell Ave. on the upper part of Kirkpatrick Hill . . . and when the hill section of Leechburg used to be called "Barn Hill."

Seeing George "Steam Up" Klingensmith (always in a hurry) and his dog, Jack, which did tricks. He was often arrested for exceeding the six-mile speed limit in his horse and buggy.

He once paid in advance, because he had to hurry home with 25 cents worth of sugar his wife wanted—quickly.

When H. H. Wray deposited the first penny postal card in Leechburg in June, 1873. The cards had come out of Washington in May of that year.

And liquor at 37½ cents a gallon . . . at the store William Leech ran for his brother, David. The day book he kept, together with John Laffery, canal building foreman, is now in possession of S. M. Wray and it contains a record in good, legible handwriting today—of all the store's lodging, buying and selling transactions.

Memories go back, too when there were 16 distilleries within a 15-mile radius of Leechburg . . . and a chap named Lafferty had a cooperage shop on the old Banfield property, where 10 wooden barrels could be turned out in a day—at six cents each.

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When I. P. Kerr was the first express agent—for the old Adams Express Co. And the days when H. H. Wray and D. B. Ashbaugh had a store on the side of the river where the Pennsylvania Passenger station is now. It was a general store, catering to miners chiefly. Coffee came in raw, had to be roasted and most goods were sold from or by the barrel.

The year 1835 when the wages of school teachers averaged $10 monthly, with lodging furnished in the homes of pupils. The $10 was to be one-half in cash in three months; the other half in wheat, rye and corn, to be delivered to a spot within three miles of the school house. No sense in forcing a teacher to walk 10 miles for her "wheat-salary."

Memory goes back a long way to Samuel Love and James McLaughlin, carpenters. In 1836 they were hired to build the first log school in Allegheny Twp. It was to be 26 feet long, 22 wide, of hewed logs, shingle roof, oak floor, ceiled and gabled ends closed with pine or chestnut, a door and five 12-light windows, the building to be off the ground one foot, with a stone wall around it—all material to be furnished by them and to be finished between September and April at a total cost of $105.

The days before gasoline service stations, or garages comes to mind in the item of the Leechburg Advance for Sept. 5, 1912—that Dr. Clarence C. Parks and his sister, Mary, while returning from Tarentum overturned the car and it was damaged to such an extent that it may have to be returned to the factory.

The greatest year in church building—1887—when St. Catherine's, Hebron Lutheran and Methodist Churches were built.

The Rev. D. H. Sloan, then Presbyterian minister, wrote that Nov. 19, 1887 was a memorable Leechburg day—with industrial parade, a banquet, speeches and an "illumination," possibly fireworks, in celebration of the formal opening of West Penn Railroad through the town. Rev. Sloan wrote the town children enjoyed the free train ride.

Trains began running regularly that year—1887—on Dec. 12.

Folks long ago told of the great fox hunt of March 11, 1828. It began in Kiski Twp. followed Crooked Creek to the Allegheny River to Kiski Junction, a total of 18 red foxes being captured.

And the memory lingers of the kiddies day at Griftlo Park, free trolley ride, free tickets to the merry-go-round, all the ice cream and pop you could hold and, if you could grab the brass ring, it was good for a free ride.

Once, too the Armstrong Light Dragoons had a July 4 picnic at "Farmer's Delight" farm in 1838 with David Kuhns chairman of arrangements and Alex Gordon secretary. The Declaration of Independence was read and 13 "sensible and patriotic toasts" drunk.

Then Blanche Knepshield recalls hearing her father, Abraham Knepshield, tell how he with his team of horses just drove off the old bridge across the Kiski River as it was swept away in the Johnstown Flood. She recalls his saying Cal McGeary was the last foot passenger on the bridge.

"Ashes to Ashes; Dust to Dust"

A history, like mortal life, has an ending.

This has been the story of a town and its people, from cradle to grave.

And the graves of fellow townsmen, to whom the end of mortal life has come, are in eleven well-kept cemeteries whose hallowed soil lies in quiet dells where peace dwells; or on high hills where the wind is not shrill.

In them are veterans of eight wars.

There's a neutrality to the earth of Leechburg Cemetery, for here it has been opened to receive warriors of the Blue and Gray from the war which split, but didn't divide the Union.

Confederate veteran Alexander Randol of 14th Virginia Calvary and W. Oscar Garver, staff aide to a Confederate General, are buried here. Not far from them are those of Union forces from the Civil War. One was Cpl. J. F. Davis. He was with the 114th Pa. Volunteers.

This 114th was distinctive. It didn't wear the Blue of the North, but went in for a clash of color—a "sunshine" colored short jacket, loose fitting trousers, a sash across the abdomen, with a small round hat—something like Little Roundtop Knoll in Gettysburg Cemetery.

Too, there's a duplicate of the George B. Mead monument at Gettysburg in Leechburg cemetery.

This cemetery was incorporated in 1864, locating in what is now Pershing Ave. in time to receive the heroic dead of the Civil War. The John A. Hunter Post 123 of the GAR obtained two lots to bury veterans. A small cannon was put there. This has been the spot were for 86 years, Leechburg has paid Memorial Day tribute to the war dead.

The roster of war dead in Leechburg cemetery includes Dr. Milton S. Sell of World War 1; James Parr and William Harris of the War of 1812 and these 47 of the Civil War:

John G. Parr, Alexander Ashbaugh, Hezekiah Ashbaugh, Alonzo Anderson, Lewis Bowers, Samuel Base, Samuel Crosby, Graves S. Crosby, Jacob Ulam Cline, Simon Cline, James Dunlap, Thomas J. Elwood, Jacob Frey, John Frank, William Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, George Henderson.

Robert L. Hunter, Robert P. Hunter, John A. Hunter, Morgan R. Hunter, J. Banks Hunter, Wilson S. Harris, James Hazlett, George Jack, Joseph Johnson, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Joseph Kelly, Israel Klingensmith, John P. Klingensmith, Abram Klingensmith, Uriah Knepshield, J. M. Keelor, Lemuel Kepple, John Leech, John Lucas.

William J. Mann, William Millen, John Metz, John Milberger, Archie Spratt, Amos Spang, Fred V. Shepard, James Stoops, John J. H. Truby, John Ulam, Zelotus Wilmot.

Laurel Point

Laurel Point Cemetery is in Parks Township. It's more familiarly known as Stitt's Cemetery, being set aside on land of the Stitt heirs. Buried here is Richard Lanning of the War of 1812, whose life span was more than 100 years. Nearby is Henry Girt of our war with Mexico in 1846 . . . Afterwards he was one of the first school teachers in this district.

Lanning was in the Civil War, too—along with these others now in Stitt's Cemetery:

Eli Artman, John Wolbert, James Carney, John Guffey, John Kerr, Hiram Lanning, Enoch Smith, Fred Smith, William J. Stitt and James Wilson.

Schaeffer's

Along Schenley Rd. in Gilpin Twp. you come to Schaeffer's Cemetery in which there is a flag pole, erected through the efforts of Robert S. Thompson.

On a weather-beaten headstone you read the name of Peter Schaeffer. He was a private in Capt. Peter Muhlenberg's Company of Lehigh County Militia in the Revolutionary War.

High on a hill near the cross-roads called Dime in Parks Twp., there's a small cemetery—Porter's. Here are buried Joseph Highfield, William Young and Samuel Metzler of the Civil War.

Not used now is Kepple's, a cemetery on a hill between Leechburg and North Vandergrift, overlooking the Kiski River. Daniel Kepple, Conrad Beck, J. T. Beck and George Gourley of the Civil War sleep there.

Wonders is a family cemetery in Hungry Hollow, the road which divides Gilpin and Parks Twps. Here rests a lone Civil War soldier—Daniel Wonders.

Time and the plow have eclipsed Truby's Cemetery. It lies high in Gilpin Twp. near the cliff some folks call "Lover's Leap." It was a large plot once. Now fields of grain shield the graves of William Stitt of the Revolutionary War; William Jack and John Stitt of the War of 1812.

Peter Lookabaugh, James Heckman, Michael Bush, Joseph Riechenbaugh and Aaron Hawk of the Civil War are buried in Highfield Cemetery which is near St. Paul's Church in Parks Twp.

On Route 66 beyond Leechburg in Gilpin Twp. you come to Zion Lutheran Cemetery. It lies near where two roads meet and thus has been known as Fork's Church and cemetery. Special care is given here to grave alignment and to landscaping.

Here were buried William Shipman and Jacob Baker of the War of 1812; Noah M. Richards and George E. Fuller of Spanish-American War.

In its soil, too, are Civil War veterans John Adams, William Black, William Barr, John Bruce, William Cline, Lawrence Fisher, James Fink, Samuel Hagerman, David Hilderbrand, Gideon Klingensmith, Michael Klingensmith, Henry A. Kidd, Shiloh Klingensmith, Nathaniel Klingensmith, Josiah Klingensmith, George Keesey, James Lynch.

L. Joseph, David Myers, Joseph Myers, David Rose, Henry Rose, Eli Rowe, George Schriver, Daniel Smail, Daniel Stoops, Johnathan Stoops, Isaac Shipman, Emery Stitt, Isaac Scholl and Robert M. Sipe.

From World War I there are Charles Baker, Edgar Hunter, Judson Hunter, Elmer Fennel, George Myers, Charles Stull, James Shuster, Edgar Williams, Sanford Cattell, Charles Dale, Russell Smail.

Returned to God in this soil, too are these from World War II:

Lester Atlee Myers, Gerald Ivan Baker, Arthur Robert Wolf and John M. A. Gibble.

Evergreen and St. Catherine's

These are adjoining cemeteries—Evergreen and St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Cemetery in Gilpin Twp. along Route 66.

Through gifts, more land has been purchased and this has greatly enlarged the total area of St. Catherine's Cemetery. On the new land a large chapel now dominates the scene.

Land and chapel were acquired through the efforts of the Rev. J. Earl McNanamy, now pastor of St. Catherine's.

In this cemetery lies William Meyers of Spanish-American war and:

From the first World War—Dominic Castigliano, Stefan Boris, Dominic Conto, Louis Gacik, Joseph Jasinski, Thomas P. Mulholland, Victor Martinisko, Joseph Ponsetto, Placido Penone, Eugene O'Neill, James Barello.

And from World War II—Arthur Hill, Joseph E. Kulakowski, George Chiatello, Lentier Rosso, John Fantino, Reno Roppolo, Agostino Ziruolo, Herbert Klingensmith, Charles Zana, Steve Plazak, Jack Cain Bell.

Divided In Sections

Evergreen Cemetery, two miles from Leechburg, is in eight sections. It was established in 1888. There's a large cannon in a common plot set aside for former servicemen.

But no attempt has been made to bury all veterans in one section.

It is in this cemetery that William Crail from the Sioux Indian War of 1876 is buried, while there are these of the Spanish-American—Elmer Truby, George Stivenson, S. Edward Myers, James Waltenbaugh, James Duffey and William Bruner.

Those from the Civil War buried here are James Ashbaugh, Sr., Samuel Bole, Labana Cline, Robert DeArmott, Joseph Hawk, John Hist, William Kuhns, Rev. E. Z. Thomas, Jackson Stull, Hezekiah Barnett, James Artman, Dr. John Armstrong, Amos Altman, Joseph G. Beale, Colin Campbell, A. Gordon Dyess, A. J. Elliott, Philip George, John Klugh.

William Jack, John R. Long, Abraham Leslie, Henry McKallip, Cornelius McCauley, Robert McKallip, Edwin Miller, Rev. John Poffinberger, Solomon Rose, George Rimmel, David Riggle, Daniel Shaner, Thomas J. VanGeisen, Thomas White, Robert Walker, Michael Wolford, Peter Beer, Theodore Garris.

Of World War I there are Wilmer J. Shadle, Jr., Samuel C. Bole, Burt Bole, William Hill, Paul Shuster, Harry McMeans, Fred Shott, W. M. Brechbill, Harry B. Lessig, Dr. Clarence C. Parks, James D. Mack, Ben Riggle, Earl Shaner, Harry Perkins, Charles M. Lyle, Edwin Campbell, David Schultz, Joseph Wasbrood, John Wasson, Albert Zimmerman, Clare M. Beatty, Raymond Chatman, Ben Alexander, Malachi Wright.

Then from World War II — Percy D. Altman, Charles Milner, Virgil Henderson, Kenneth Beck, John M. Wright, William D. Parks and Louis Kozma.

The men of all wars inscribed on tablets of memory in these cemeteries gave of their best to town and country. They and all others, in peace or war, who now sleep the long sleep, helped Leechburg grow, a little at a time, to reach this centennial.

They left behind a great heritage—a heritage possibly expressed in the views of the new generation—the young folks now entering the second half of the twentieth century.

Essays Contest of 1950

There was an essay contest on "Why I Like Leechburg," open to pupils in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the schools in Leechburg, Gilpin, Parks and Allegheny Twps. and West Leechburg.

From days of old into days to come, they see Leechburg in this light:

By Joyce Klingensmith
Grade 5, West Leechburg

"There are many reasons why I like Leechburg, so I shall try to give a few lines here. It is located in the rolling foothills of the Allegheny Mountains which makes it a healthful place to live.

"There are churches, schools and many kinds of entertainment, such as movies or ice skating when it gets cold. Many enjoy the athletic events of Memorial Field. It is close to the bigger towns and cities and has a modern transportation system, so that we can travel anywhere. There are also many kinds of work to do. The modern stores are good places to buy.

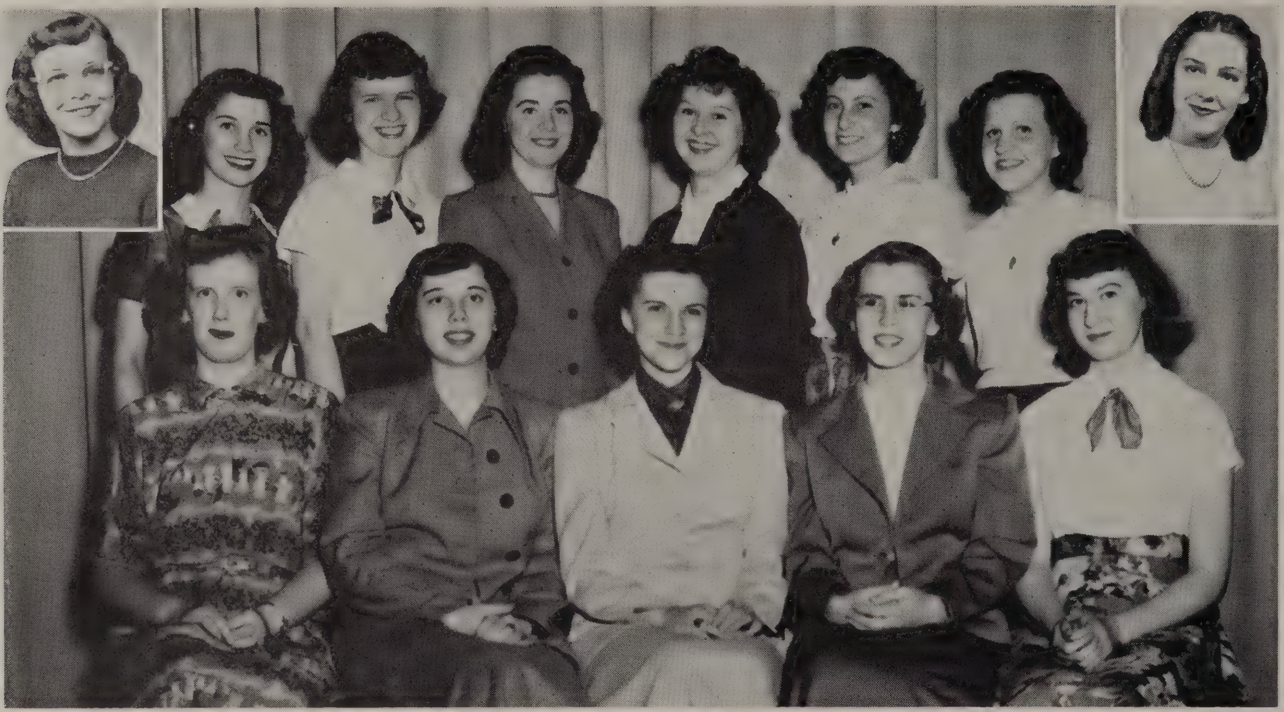
"There are good doctors and dentists to keep us well so we can go to school. I think all of these reasons add up to a wonderful place to live."

By Ruth McKallip
Grade 7, Hills Consolidated School

Leechburg is a clean, well organized town with many fine clubs and churches that help make it a better place in which to live. It has an excellent educational system to prepare young people for success in future careers.

Sports are encouraged in the schools and Leechburg has one of the best football and basketball teams in the WPIAL grouping. Moving picture shows are provided

Centennial Queen Contestants



Front row, left to right are Ann Louise Jones, Jean Ferrick, Ellen Stubble, Charlene Seth and Helen Stetter. Back row—Nancy E. Snyder inset picture, Marion Sappe, Marilyn Ward, Dolores Jean Bothell, Isabell Pinker, Domenica Tira, Leona Marie Heasley, and inset picture is Georgia Louise Marks.

for educational purposes as well as for recreation. Our town is a healthful town with clean streets, homes, public buildings—not to mention the many fine doctors, dentists and nurses that help maintain high community standards.

By Frances Burlando

Grade 6, Georgetown Grade School

Leechburg's many organizations are doing a good job of improving our community.

Our many churches serve our people—people who for the most part apply religion in their daily lives. Serious offenses against our laws are few in our town.

The schools of Leechburg are well managed schools where children who really care to learn have a chance to do so.

Leechburg is growing and will continue to grow into a town where people can live a happy life. It is large enough for "elbow room," yet small enough for the people to be friendly and neighborly.

By Lulu Belle Snell

Grade 8, Georgetown (Gilpin Twp.)

Grade School

I think Leechburg is an interesting place to live. It has a nice airport where one can learn to fly. Sometimes, quite large planes land there.

It has a large and sanitary dairy. The Memorial Field that the Boosters Club made possible, provides a playground for the children and a football field for our team. In the summer it is also used for a baseball field. The Boosters Club also provided an ice skating pond for the children.

Leechburg also has a very efficient fire department. It has won many prizes for its equipment and band.

Thus a history comes to a close—the history of one town in the U. S. A. whose Main St. isn't the Main Street.

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Likewise Significant

That our community has completed its first century of significant fact, and we are both proud and happy to have this opportunity of participating in the celebration of Leechburg's Centennial celebration.

Likewise significant, we believe, is the fact that some fifteen years ago we were selected by the Order of the Golden Rule as its member in this community, and that for fifteen consecutive years we have demonstrated our continued worthiness to retain our membership in this international organization of funeral directors, pledged to render "Service Measured Not By GOLD But By The GOLDEN RULE!"

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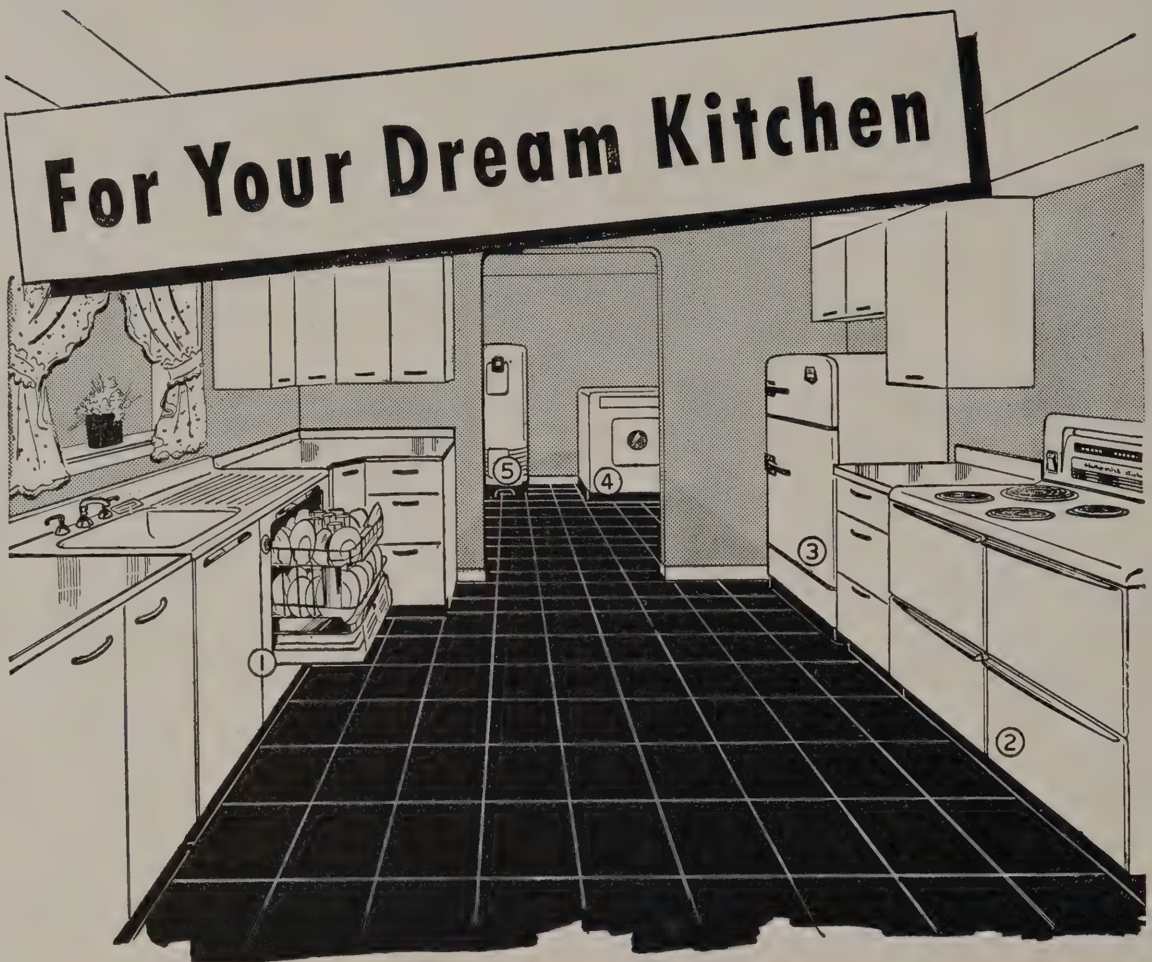

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I desire to take this opportunity, on behalf of the directors and executive officers of Leechburg Centennial Inc., to personally thank all persons, in all walks of life, who have given so freely and extensively of their time, knowledge, energy and organizational ability to make this centennial successful.

We feel this history of our town is an exceptional work of art, of which all of us can be proud. To all who made it possible, in any way whatsoever, we extend our deepest appreciation.

And to all others who, out of a deep sense of civic understanding, have put in many hours of hard work for several months to plan and execute even the most minute detail of this celebration of Leechburg at the cross roads of 100 years, we say thanks.

To all committee personnel, the leaders of industry, and our numerous organizations, we urge you to keep a careful collection of the newspaper articles about this celebration, as an appendix to this historical novel, that we may preserve for future generations an accurate portrayal of the life, times and customs of this our generation.

In choosing the committees listed herein, every effort was made to obtain the services of persons aptly qualified to do the job asked of them. We attempted to select wisely and justly, but even so, through human error, we may have failed to choose some who might have been of great help. It so, we're sorry. If any name is unintentionally omitted here, we're sorry, too.

During the week of the celebration, other committees will be named for particular tasks. And to them we desire to extend thanks in advance.

Again, accept our appreciation for a great work well done.

Duncan C. McCallum.

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